

Dear pupils,
Dear parents,

The first day at school or moving to a German school is a new chapter in your child's life. The preparations for enrolment or the move to a new school represent a decisive turning point for the whole family.



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There are 29 primary schools, 21 secondary schools, and five special education schools in the state capital Potsdam. Due to the variety of schools offered, orientation for non-German-speaking parents is especially difficult. Comprehensive information and competent counselling are a precondition for finding the best school possible for your child.

To help you make your decision, the foundation proWissen Potsdam e. V., together with the State Capital Potsdam, has compiled this English brochure. It will inform you about the educational offers and schools in our city. You are warmly invited to visit the Open Day events at the various schools to gain your own impression. Please find the dates of these events in the local press or by contacting the schools directly. I hope that this brochure will help you to find a suitable school for your child and I wish all pupils a nice time in their new school.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jann Jakobs'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'J' and a stylized 'K'.

Jann Jakobs
Lord Mayor of the State Capital Potsdam
and chairman of the foundation proWissen Potsdam e. V.

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The Active School Potsdam grew out from the desire to keep children their curiosity and joy of learning – as a continuation of the educational work in the school-associated kindergarten. Here children deal with their environment by their own tasks on their own initiative, practice familiar acts as long as they find pleasure in it. Living by their own rhythm, spontaneously, they are constantly gathering new questions where they toss around until they get satisfied. They are living in their own pace, feeling their needs for comfort or movement.

Until the end of primary school, we want to teach children self-determined learning in our school, without division into classes, without grades, testing and teaching. Children don't get taught anything. The teacher serves as a resource and is not a person who gives knowledge without being asked. The acquisition of knowledge is initialised by curiosity and the joy of doing their own activities. By the active and independent examination of the environment, structures of comprehension are built. Therefore kids will find and use an extensively prepared environment, regular offers and special project days.

Parents who choose our school, should have confidence in their children for self-determined and independent learning. Since 2004, there is a growing cross-school group (6–11 years), currently with 36 children (in 2009).

After-school care for children of the “Aktive-Schule” Potsdam

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The Concept

Aptitude – Intelligence – Personality

We nurture aptitude, intelligence and personality to survive in a rapidly changing world of the future and to actively shape this world.

In several federal German states the successful BIP creative centres are already implementing a concept developed by Prof. Dr. Gerlinde Mehlhorn and Prof. Dr. Hans-Georg Mehlhorn in which the systematic inclusion of adolescents in creative processes is central and key to education. This includes the continuous, intensive, comprehensive and early support of individual pupil needs.

According to and depending on individual development needs and potential, the support we offer takes the form of five dimensions:

- cognitive dimension
- socio-emotional dimension
- psycho-motoric dimension
- artistic and aesthetic dimensions
- linguistic-communicative dimension.

This educational support occurs in BIP centres by means of a complex programme for the development of creativity. In so doing, the ground is laid for the development and formation of three closely-related profiles of creative activity.

Creative activity:

We regard and devise creative processes as problem-solving processes. Education at BIP centres is aimed at the entire personality and involves one's emotions and intellect. It demands and supports the motivation to learn, important for children and young people to recognise, confront and solve problems. At the same time they require and develop their skills at grasping and then utilising methods of understanding both specifically and relevantly. Individuality, social and emotional intelligence are activated at the same time.

Commitment to performance: Children enjoy learning how to learn

Don't be afraid of overburdening the children! The real danger lies in making too few demands that takes away life and development opportunities of the children.

Creative thinking and acting are encouraged not only in the context of school subjects, nor isolated to individual work groups, but in the close link between learning and special additional creativity offers as part of a complex support programme based upon and justified by the latest educational

research and theory. It reacts to problems and does not allow any gaps in the development of creative personalities, even solving potential problems.

A harmonious relationship in the development of abstract-logical and concrete-intuitive thinking is encouraged and a high level of interaction is strived for from the very outset. The differentiation of the senses involved corresponds to "learning with all of the senses."

The complex program for the development of creativity at BIP centres comprises the following fields:

Visual artistic creativity, musical creativity, linguistic creativity, drama, dance/movement, digital media, exploring/discovering/inventing, strategic games/chess, foreign languages (English, French, Arabic or Chinese).

Even the playful learning of children at pre-school BIP centres is based on this programme. Renowned experts, artists and educational practitioners have worked on related curricula for each subject of the complex programme. This forms the basis for differentiated additional offerings to curriculum-based lessons. This intensely stimulates the creative personality, especially in maths and science, artistic, aesthetic and foreign language subjects. It is not essentially a matter of an extended knowledge transfer, but rather gaining of experience and expertise in terms of creative thinking and acting.

In the BIP Kreativitätsgrundschule...

- marks are carefully awarded from the 1st class.
- differentiated learning is made possible through grouping and the use of two separate/parallel classrooms.
- all lessons are tailored to the needs of the pupils.
- two teachers are responsible for each class, which prevents any lessons being cancelled. If a teacher should be absent, then lessons can continue as one unified group.
- all teachers have a state-approved teaching qualification and have additionally completed advanced vocational training for creative teaching or alternatively participate in service training for creative teaching.
- the recommended state curriculum is followed and fulfilled.
- classes are divided for ten lessons per week (mathematics, German) and the creativity subjects of the complex programme.
- no homework is given for the next day.
- two classrooms are available and used for each class.
- foreign languages are learnt from the 1st class.
- the teaching of environmental awareness and how to lead a healthy lifestyle go hand in hand. Lunch, milk and drink are all supplied.
- schoolbags may remain on school premises.
- projects are conducted during the school holidays
- our BIP team and parents work closely together.

Eisenhart-Schule (Eisenhart School)

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Education offers:

- Contact-language English Class 1/2
- First foreign language English from Class 3
- Learning of the chess-game in Class 2 (mandatory)
- Extended foreign language teaching from grade 4 with bilingual teaching phases
- A variety of different offers
- Promoting mathematically talented children from Class 2

Working Groups

Computer courses in a separate computer room with internet. Chess, Judo by UJKC Potsdam, theatre – Bili-Club, school newspaper, needlework, wood-working, courses at the “Freie Musik Schule” Potsdam in our house.

Extras

- Our house is a traditional school site since 1900 with an old brick building, including a gym and a separate school for our little children, in which is also situated a child care center.
- We are a two stream primary school
- Even before enrolment, learning and playing mornings take place for future school beginners so that children can already learn about the school building, teachers, educators and future classmates.
- School lunch and milk supply by the company BlauArt-Catering
- By the “Fröbel”-nursery “Sonnenschein” a particularly dedicated school afternoon care takes place on our ground
- The 2nd classes are learning the chess game in special lessons.
- Differentiation in classes 5 and 6, for example in the fields of biology, physical preschool, art, school newspaper, computer, act and play in English, depending on the school years offers.
- Protestant and Catholic religious teaching in the house
- Support by a dedicated development association.

Regular highlights

- Music, sports and reading competitions
- Project days on various topics
- Schoolyard Festival (every two years)
- carol singing, Christmas program (even in retirement homes)
- Hiking days/excursions/projects, class trips
- Cooperation with the University of Potsdam
- Close cooperation with the Hermann von Helmholtz-Gymnasium Potsdam in the context of promotion of the gifted children, chess
- Cooperation with the Protestant Johannesstift Berlin concerning the project “Kulturpiloten”

After-school care for children of the Eisenhart-School

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Evangelische Grundschule Potsdam (Protestant Primary School Potsdam)

All day educational offers and FLEX

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Guiding principle of our educational work is the belief that all children want to learn and have creative gifts. Our school aims to provide a place where they develop further these gifts and their pleasure in learning and where they can make new experiences. Our goal is to offer children hope and confidence for their future. On the basis of freedom, tolerance and humanity, the sensitivity and responsibility to themselves, to other people and the environment shall be promoted. Our work is supported by the strength and confidence that comes from the Christian point of view of humans and the world.

Our educational concept includes

- cross-vintage learning groups
- rhythmic daily, weekly and annual procedures
- projects
- protestant religious education
- different offers available in music, sport and arts
- all-day offers from 7:15 to max. 17:00

Informations to the Protestant Primary School in brief:

- founded 1998 by the Protestant School Association Potsdam
- school sponsor Hoffbauer gGmbH, Potsdam Hermannswerder
(<http://www.hoffbauer-bildung.de>)
- all-day primary school in extensive form
- located in a former generals widow home ("Rotes Haus") on the site of the Protestant Church and a nearby building in the Leistikowstraße ("Gelbes Haus") near the "Neuer Garten".
- Legal status: state approved alternative school.
- The school has two streams. The maximum group size is 25 children. The amount of school fees depends on the family income.

- Opening times: The protestant primary school, in combination with the recreational area provides care from 7:15–17:00.

For more information about our educational profile, see:

<http://www.hoffbauer-bildung.de>

Evangelische Grundschule Potsdam-Babelsberg (Protestant Primary School Potsdam Babelsberg)

All-day educational offers (OF)
State approved alternative school

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The Protestant Primary School Babelsberg is an all-day school. In the school year 2011/2012, 250 children in school classes 1 – 6 are taught in mixed aged teaching groups. The school will be gradually extended to a two-stream primary school.

Learning to learn – with head, heart and hand

Our school offers children a living space where they can unfold and develop their creative gifts, and their ability to express their pleasure in learning. Learning takes place in an atmosphere characterized by reciprocal respect and a sense of community solidarity. Supported by Christian values, children receive the security and acceptance they need to take the learning process into their own hands in a more active and competent way.

Learning and living in mixed-age classes allows an enriching diversity, where every child has his strengths and weaknesses in good hands – in that way, skills and confidence can grow.

Daily Schedule

As an open all-day school our school is open from 7:30 to 17:00. The morning classes are divided into teaching blocks and ends for everyone at 14:00.

Much time is occupied by the workshop instruction, allowing the children a mostly independent work in an interdisciplinary, complex topic. Lunch is also included in the common school day as well as enough time for exercising, reading and free labour.

English is taught from class 1 as a contact language. The educational development of children is accompanied by a complex feedback process. In the first 4 grades, there are no marks.

A close link between morning and afternoon is important for us. A class is supervised by a permanent team of a teacher and an educator, who exchange the latest informations on their content schedule and educational work.

Our work is enriched by various partners (dance, soccer, nature explorations, clay art ...)

Regular worship, religious instruction, school services and close cooperation with the various bodies of the parish of Babelsberg form the foundation of the Christian profile.

Freie Schule Potsdam e. V
(Free School Potsdam)

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State-approved school type and educational reform-oriented status: alternative school in sponsorship of a parents' association (Freie Schule Potsdam e.V.); free alternative school, member of the german-wide Association of Free Alternative Schools (www.freie-alternativschulen.de)

Total number of children: 90 (per year about 15 children)

Special features of the educational concept:

- Equal-weighted learning objectives, self, social and subject skills, therefore many collaborative and communication forms, rules and rituals
- Mixed-age learning groups (grades 1–3 and 4–6)
- School as a learning and living place (for example, smooth transition from school to after school care club)
- Individualized learning, primarily cross-disciplinary free-working periods
- No formal grade until the end of the 5th Class – instead verbal assessments
- Parents as active shapers of school life
- Weekly day “outside school” in classes 1-3
- Project weeks and days
- Annual familiarization trips in fall and general school trip in the summer time
- Workshop (wood, clay, bicycle)
- A detailed educational concept can be found on the website.

After-school care for the children of the Free School Potsdam

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Education

- Use of a variety of learning methods and learning techniques
- Performance-differentiated learning opportunities
- Development of a new task culture in mathematics education
- Implementation of the school's own media concept
- Integration of pupils with special needs
- Participation in the project "inclusive school"
- Protestant or Catholic religious education

Education focus

- Development of social and personal skills
- Development of independence and self-responsibility
- multi-cultural education

Special features

- School was built in 1883
- 2004 to 2005 modernization of the building, building of an extension
- Special cabinets for music, art, economy-labor-technology, natural sciences
- Computer lab with 16 workstations, Internet connections in some classrooms, use of laptops for different school projects
- School Library
- Cooperation with the nursery "Baumschule": Cooperation school-nursery.
- Care and school lunch, milk supply
- Working groups are offered (sports, computers, English, BILI-Club [bilingual/ English], suture graphics, mathematics, ceramics)
- Maintenance of our school's traditions (Christmas singing, school trips, theatre, etc.)

Partners

- Nursery "Baumschule" – Mittelbrandenburgische Sparkasse
- University of Potsdam – SC Kanu Potsdam/ Pirschheide
- Käthe Kollwitz Secondary School – Free Music School
- Helmholtz-Gymnasium – Music School "Fröhlich"
- Spatzen "Sparrows" – Choir of the City of Potsdam

School care for children of Gerhart Hauptmann Primary School (12)

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Profile

twopart primary school with open all day offers and after-school care in the school building.

Working Groups

variety of athletic, cultural and handicraft offers by the school, after-school care and external partners for all pupils from classes 1 to 6 – including judo, swimming, capoeira, dance, yoga, chess, flute, choir, rhythm, French, English, poetry and thinking (Goethe), experimentation, video and ceramics

Special features

- traditional Potsdam primary school in a historical and restored brick building with a newly shaped and wide yard, a newly built cafeteria, a newly built nursery and rest of garden with a playground, climbing wall, tire swing and slide, a renovated landmarked gymnasium with a modern extension, and soccer field in the nearby outdoor area.
- French as first foreign language (encounter language) from class 1 with associated exchange program for French guest teachers. Internet-based and – later – real encounters with French pupils at a partner school in Versailles (une Porte de France in Potsdam)
- Dedicated to the ideals and the human image of German classicism and to its namesake, this cultural school is committed to respectful communication among all parties involved. Intense charitable and social commitment of the school's association and the "Senior Partner in School e. V." and various partnerships with cultural institutions in Berlin and Potsdam (Potsdam Kammerakademie, Hans-Otto-Theater, Lindenpark Potsdam, Haus der kleinen Forscher, etc.)
- Multimedia didactics by the branch office of the municipal library in a related building of the school campus (secondary school) and internet-enabled media center in our house
- Individual support programs for pupils of all classes and intensive preparations for the future first-graders by an optional half-year preschool
- Systematic preventive health care by versatile sporty afternoon activities in cooperation with various sports clubs and an ecological food supply
- Close cooperation with the secondary school located on the same site

After School care for children of Goethe primary school

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Grundschule am Humboldtring (Primary School at Humboldtring)

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Think globally – act locally

Our primary school is an accepted UNESCO project school. The work is based on the principles for cooperation in the school project of the German UNESCO-Commission.

We support – on the basis of the recommendation of the 18th General UNESCO Conference in 1974 on education for international understanding and cooperation – in our school activity the objectives of UNESCO. We orientate our school life in and outside the classes in a special way to international understanding and intercultural learning. We assume that an understanding of other people and cultures is desirable and possible, that the understanding of the own culture is thereby growing and that a better future can be achieved in a peaceful world through joint actions.

Learning/methods:

with all senses, with different materials, by active actions, by project work in a playful way, reading school.

Projects

- UNESCO school projects
- Local Agenda 21
- Eco-Smart program
- Children's rights
- World Heritage and seasonal projects
- Leo project in class 1 and 2
- Help for the Potsdam soup kitchen
- Odyssey of the mind
- School and on school sports competitions
- Water generation project
- Action day's work

Living together in pluralistical and cultural diversity

- Coexistence in pluralistic and cultural diversity
- Experience of social interaction
- Learning conflict management
- Teaching social values
- Handle everyday situations
- Obtain self-reliance
- Individual approach to each child
- Taking into account the interests of the children
- Facing foreign languages from Grade 1
- Joyful and open forms of education
- Integration and acceptance of all children
- Specialized cabinets

- Music, technics, computer, physics, art, natural and social sciences, library, gymnasium, sports field, language teaching in the House

Work-Groups

Dance, media, music band, computer, environment, energy-saving team, art, sports, cooking and baking, school newspaper

Cooperation partners

UNI Potsdam, Music School Fröhlich, nursery, public utilities Potsdam, girls club "Zimtzicken", youth club "El Centro"

Specials

Lunch will be offered at school and in the nursery. Two special education teachers are working in our school with children with speech disorders. We participate in the pilot project "Inklusive Schule". The integration of foreign language pupils in mainstream classes is accompanied with additional support lessons that can also apply to other pupils with learning disabilities. The Founding Association actively supports our projects.

Nursery for children of Primary School at Humboldttring

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Grundschule „Am Pappelhain“ (Primary School "Am Pappelhain")

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School profile/General principle

Learning to learn by

1. a comprehensive development of skills
2. the encouragement of sporting activities and artistic creativity
3. the emergence of a vigilant environmental awareness
4. a specific social and health educational and primary prevention
5. a wide variety of inclusive education

Education

developed by a long-term and reliable teaching staff

- integrative teaching introduction as well as an inclusive teaching phase up to class 6 with 66 hours in special education focused on learning, language, hearing

- computer cabinet and media offers
- focus point computer from class 4
- open learning offers in all grades
- individual learning time from Monday–Thursday 13:00–15:00
- open all-day offers: French, children's dance ensemble, sports, taekwondo, chess, tambour-club puppetry, soccer, watercolor painting, table tennis, moderators, badminton, handmade

Special Activities

- olympics and contests: Mathematics, English, reading competition, MAZ relay race high jump with music, “join in – do it yourself – do it better”, literary contest, street soccer world cup, children’s film project
- school year highlights: enrolment, Halloween parade in residential area, Christmas market with carol singing, school carnival, themed school celebration
- cooperation with: SC-Potsdam, district library Am Stern, Tambour-Club 1925 e.V., StIBB e.V. Kindertreff, Leibniz-Gymnasium, Kita “Pfiffikus”, “Sternschnuppe”, “Sternchen”
- special rooms: 2 English, 1 music, 2 art, 1 work-technology-handmade, a computer cabinet, 1 sociology, 1 science, 1 geography, 1 dance room, gymnasium with soccer field, “media islands” in many classrooms, integration areas, spaces for differentiation, multimedia room
- since 1991, the association for the promotion of this school is working very successfully.
- for years, a close and trusting relationship to our parents is established. Planned: Open days in the registration period for learning beginners
- complete renovation of the school site in 2010/2011 (buildings and playground)

After-school care for children of the primary school Am Pappelhain

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Grundschule „Am Priesterweg“
(Primary School "Am Priesterweg")

All-day care

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Educational Offers

- contact language English and French from Grade 1
- foreign language English from Class 3
- consulting base for gifted children in cooperation with the Humboldt-Gymnasium Potsdam
- learning circles for gifted pupils
- various all-day offerings until 15:30
- cooking and baking courses
- family Program "FUN"
- religious education
- development of the primary school to district school

Topics for courses of interest of the 5th and 6 Classes:

Presentation and design, sound workshop, moving and music, exciting stories, Romans and Greeks, chess, multimedia, healthy food

Clubs

Environmental habitats for plants and animals, computer, mathematical puzzles, theatre, student newspaper, painting and graphic art, basketball, French, Gods of the Ancient working group, Young Gardeners, rabbit breeding, chess, photography, basic computer course, Puzzle Workshop, baking, athletics, football, dance, choir, crossing guard training, literature and listening clubs, art workshops, dragon boat, French and others

Special features – learning in various learning spaces

- age-appropriate development of environmental awareness – school garden
- teaching learning strategies
- reading encouragement – school library
- health support: eventful school break, milk supply, conflict mediation and professional advice
- animal welfare
- educational lunch

To meet these demands, we design different learning situations in special rooms, theatre room, library and outdoor learning places, which were created or built by the children in project weeks and are now being used by them, such as habitats, rabbit breeds in outdoor enclosure, school garden beds, lawn, trees, composting plant and insect hotel, dry wall, clay oven, etc.

- renovation of the gym is completed initiation in September 2010
- restoration of the school building during the school year 2011 / 2012
- milk supply, breakfast and lunch menu

Learning with head, heart and hand

Pestalozzi shaped the principle of “learning with head, heart and hand” to advocate a holistic approach to learning. We consider this fact extensively in our teaching. A creative atmosphere and a dedicated team of teachers offer children learning opportunities and individual performance-based support. Pupils with special educational needs or a mother tongue other than German, moving and gifted children, will be supported individually. Traditional spring and fall cleaning actions, singing during Advent and Christmas market in school, funny carnival parties, school and sports events, parent regulars table and parent-teacher days, parents’ café.

Partners

SIS (seniors in schools), University of Potsdam, Sterncenter, SC Potsdam and kid’s clubs, day nurseries and day care centers in Drewitz and Kirchsteigfeld, Brandenburgische Automobil GmbH, Allianz representative Gaede, music school Bertheau & Morgenstern, music school Fröhlich, Verkehrswacht (Road Safety), Development Association Friends of the primary school Am Priesterweg, school social worker Mrs Kokert, AWO and “Spirellibande”, STIBB and children’s meeting, city office and local churches, Protestant Children’s Fund ARCHE, Mrs Saupe as an expert on healthy eating, ALBA Berlin, PRO Potsdam, Potsdam Chamber Academy.

After-school care for children of the primary school Am Priesterweg

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Grundschule „Bruno H. Bürgel“
(Primary School “Bruno H. Bürgel”)

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Education offers

- Contact language English in grades 1 and 2
- English as foreign language from grade 3
- Performance differentiation in grades 5 and 6 in the subjects German, English and mathematics
- Special teaching and promotion instructions from class 1 in German and mathematics
- Flexible school starting phase, individual length of stay 1–3 years, targeted support across the grades.

Clubs

Pottery, observatory, choir, school garden, dance, soccer, computer, school newspaper, everything about the bike, judo, guitar, mediator, Zumba, keyboard, handball, volleyball, environment team

- traditional school site since 1907, spacious and newly designed child-friendly school playground
- extensive renovation of the main building in year 2010; among other things: including school radio, interactive board in the new NAWI-room
- beginning lessons at the small school building for the grades 1 and 2 and Flex
- classes 3–6 are learning in the big school building
- Kiez (neighbourhood)-school: all children have individual development opportunities in and outside the classes with the Kiez partners.
- combined classes of children with special educational needs in learning, language, emotional experience and social action
- individual support for gifted children in and parallel to the lessons.
- support lessons for children with performance deficits (dyslexia, dyscalculia)
- individual support for foreign children
- intense social commitment: training of mediators in the everyday school life
- inclusion of non-formal learning mentors to encourage reading
- protestant religious education
- energy-saving program and active environmental team: Title: AGENDA-School 2010 and 2011, successful participation in the “Paper-Race” competition
- development of media skills – use of computer cabinet with access to the internet, a gradual expansion of media, using laptops from class 1
- the educational work and our school life are supported by the sponsorship association.
- training of teacher trainees, students

- cooperation with: Extavium, Library, University of Potsdam, police, various sports clubs, public utilities, free music school, music school Fröhlich, chill out, academy 2. Lebenshälfte, AWO-Kita Weberspatzen, AKI, Kita St. Antonius

Examples of the highlights of the school life

Trial lessons for school beginners

Participation in the Reading Competition Grade 6, Mathematics and English Olympics, Big Challenge competition, literary evening, carol singing, participation in sports events and competitions, "island"-singing, schoolyard parties, class trips, seasonal projects

After-school care for children of primary school "Bruno H. Bürgel"

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Grundschule „Hanna von Pestalozza“ (Primary School "Hanna von Pestalozza")

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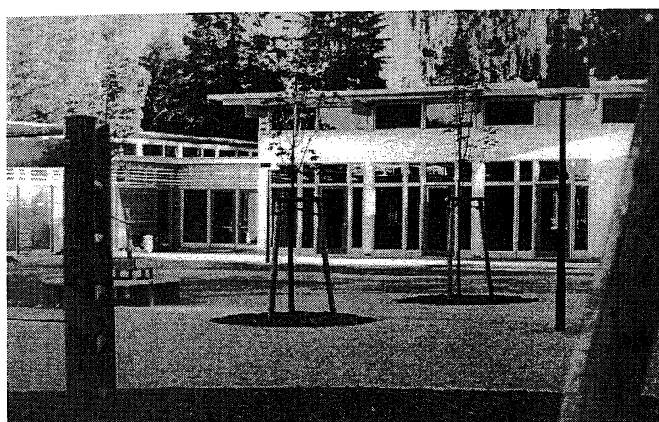
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Location/ structural conditions

Our school is situated in the countryside and it is surrounded by the two lakes Glieniccker See and Sacrower See.

In 1998 a new double-streamed primary school was built in this idyllic setting. In September 2003 we were able to take possession of a modern one field gym. Two years later we got additional run and jump sports facilities and an all-weather sports field. Since the school year 2007/8 we have been a reliable half-day primary school.

In April 2010 we got an extended building with additional space for classrooms and for a variety of attractive afternoon activities. We (that means, the school and our most important partner, the nursery "Traumzauberbaum") are proud of our PC room, our media room, our relaxation room, our theatre room, the newly equipped library, two rooms for creative use, a training kitchen and our assembly hall.

Since the beginning of the school year 2010/11 daily meals with two choices for lunch with fresh ingredients have been prepared in the school kitchen.

Educational offers

- contact language, first foreign language English
- basic PC training (qualification with certificate)
- project "Learning to learn" (yearly in all classes, expanding in higher classes)
- differentiated instructions in addition to the lessons to support pupils' individual learning time in classes 1-4 and additional learning activities for classes 5/6 in the main subjects
- special education services in the fields of learning, language and behavior
- playful support in the afternoons by educators and reading mentors

We put the main emphasis on:

- profile "School in motion"
- various and different offers of group work for our pupils from Tuesday to Thursday until 15:30
- class and school highlights as fixed traditions around the school year
- participation in many contests and sports competitions
- participation in Oeko Smart Project
- creative theatre projects in all our classes
- active support from our association of sponsors
- fresh milk offers, organized by our pupils' company

Grundschule im Bornstedter Feld (Primary School at Bornstedter Feld)

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Our school has very well-equipped, modern classrooms with interactive "Mimio"-whiteboards and laptops, modern classrooms for physics, bio, WAT, music and art, which will allow us to operate by the latest standards.

A spacious, green playground with many sports facilities (soccer field, water playground, basketball court, etc.) will give children the benefit of recreation during breaks and after school hours. A school garden is planned and a school library is under construction. At school, a large bright meeting hall with cafeteria and theatre stage is situated. In sports lessons, we use a modern gym with swing bottom.

We start from a holistic concept of learning. Classes are taught together with a variety of learning materials by a mixture of modern and traditional methods of teaching (free work, schedule, weekly planning, learning workshops, classroom instruction, etc.). We put great emphasis on individual support and activity-based learning materials. Understanding and discovering learning contents is an important part here as the differentiation process in the classroom. Learning steps are regularly documented (e. g. in a portfolio).

Regular performance of projects (e. g. theatre projects, math projects, Christmas workshops) are implemented our school as well as close cooperation with parents and a rhythmic school routine. We perform school parties and school trips. Continuous cooperation with the nursery is part of our school life. A dedicated association supports us in our work. Our goal is a school of well-being for all participants, in which self-reliance, responsibility and teamwork are in the focus.

We teach English as a contact language from the first class and as the first foreign language from 3rd class. Likewise, Protestant and Catholic religious education and humanistic life skills are offered at our school.

Grundschule im Kirchsteigfeld (Primary School at Kirchsteigfeld)

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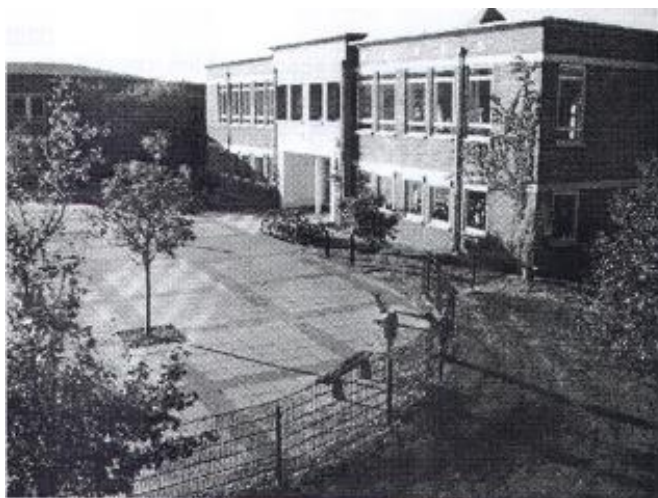
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Details of Education Provided

Basic Information

- The school opened in 1995; there is an After School Club in the immediate neighbourhood.
- We offer a friendly and welcoming environment.
- Classrooms are furnished in a way that facilitates individual, paired and group work.
- We have the following facilities: modern sports hall, substantial school grounds with a school garden and pond, computer room, teaching kitchen, "foxes den" (for clever foxes), media café, a large canteen and a relaxation room.

Staffing Information

- 370 pupils in 17 classes
- a highly motivated education team consisting of: 24 primary school teachers, 3 educational specialists, 9 probationary teachers and 6 grandparent readers.

Flexible Entrance Phase (FLEX)

- inclusion of all children without exception
- support for early school admission
- length of time spent in the entrance phase ranges from 1 to 3 years depending on the individual child
- directed, group-specific support for more and less able pupils
- learning in 6 mixed year 1 / 2 classes
- individualised learning culture, principles and methods of open and flexible lessons used, structured daily routine, social education.
- avoidance of special educational statement procedure in the areas of learning, behaviour and language as well as special diagnostic learning observations through use of multi-professional teams.

Special Features

- integration of handicapped children into general lessons
- Flex Class teachers also qualified to teach in classes 3 to 6
- challenge and support: diverse opportunities for support (including: help for those with difficulties in reading and writing or arithmetic, special support for children who excel in particular areas of learning, French, motor skills etc)
- children from different year groups work together in groups on areas of aesthetics (music/art) including: macramé, woodwork, percussion, music and movement, plastic modelling, choir, graphics, guitar lessons etc. These classes change every 6 months.
- a variety of teaching methods and lesson formats are used, work follows weekly plans.
- religious education (protestantic) for all pupils who choose this subject.

New timetable

- Before we start our lessons we have 30 minutes reading time.
- Pupils read different books (appropriate to their knowledge) and get plans to work with them.
- Sometimes they have own books or we read out books for them.

After school care for children who attend Primary School Im Kirchsteigfeld

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Building and Location

- in the countryside, on the edge of the so-called "School Hill"
- The school building which is being modernized and extended (completion in August 2012), with a gymnasium, outdoor sports facilities and the "Dwarf House" (after school day care from August 2012), is situated on an area of 8.000m² in total.
- One can expect modern classrooms for art, music, biology/physics, WAT (economics, work and technology)
- school library, computer lab, recreation/quiet room
- modern home economics classroom
- many group rooms to support individual work and to create a relaxed environment for the pupils
- rooms for special education and diagnostic support
- large dining room/auditorium with stage

Education

- from class one English using the SMILE approach
- English as a foreign language from class 3
- performance differentiation in German, English and maths in classes 5 and 6
- various disposition differentiation in classes 5 and 6
- first lessons in the style of the "Kieler Leseaufbau" in class 1

Profile/Traditions

- since 1997 member of the "Network of Health Promoting Schools" (monthly healthy breakfast, recreation music, barrels with games during recreation)
- has successfully participated in the energy saving programme "Öko Smart" since 1998
- successful participation in the annual environmental days of Potsdam
- highlights of the school year include autumn fete, summer school fete, Activities and Health Day

- years of successful participation in sports competitions of the city
- wide range of afternoon activities such as school clubs and courses (with fee) (creative arts, sports, soccer, volleyball, recorder, dance group, drums, English club...)
- registered center for the Trinity College London Exams since 2007, possibility to receive an internationally accredited English certificate
- very active participation of the Parents' and Friends' association and Parent Council
- close cooperation with the town council, local youth club of Golm, the Fire department of Eiche, Music School Fröhlich, University Potsdam, the Police station North and other partners
- further informations on our website

After school day care for the children of the Ludwig Renn Primary School

After school day care: Turmspatzen

Institution of the after school day care: AWO

Grundschule Max Dortu (Primary School Max Dortu)

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We are a primary school

- with a long tradition (lessons since 1860)
- location: in the inner city of Potsdam, in a landmarked building in the centre of Potsdam
- profile: musical and creative specialisation
- primary school with open all-day offers
- about 280 pupils
- great learning environment and a pleasant atmosphere on a beautiful courtyard

What distinguishes us from other schools?

- school uniform
- uniformed sport clothing
- own school symbol
- own school anthem
- contact language English from Grade 1
- computer cabinet
- wide range in music profiling (singing, dancing, instrumental)
- special cabinets for biology, music, art, English
- new gym
- recently redesigned schoolyard
- offers in categories of Religion, Humanistic, Social Studies
- gifted annual award of the Max-Dortu-Trophy for outstanding pupils of grade 6
- 4 times a year publication of the homemade school newspaper "Kobra"
- school museum

- old school room – historical lessons as in imperial times
- school library

Clubs and activities:

- new project: “Classes play music”, 1 guitar class, 1 class Orff instruments
- music: choir, orchestra, flute, musical elementary education (auditory and vocal)
- sports: volleyball, judo, football, fencing
- languages: French, Russian, Spain
- computer, chess, homework help, mediation, library, encaustic
- others: cooking, handcrafting

Projects:

- special annual weeks with various topics (health, water, Olympic games, circus)
- cooperation with university (reading, mathematics)
- school partnership with a Polish school
- regular visits in theatres
- we take part in competitions (contest in mathematics and English) and competitions in different kinds of sports
- reading competition “My favourite book” and “Gedichtwettbewerb/Rezitation”
- opera project with the Deutsche Oper in Berlin
- benefit concerts
- various sports activities and many great sporting achievements

Day nursery school:

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Internationale Grundschule Potsdam (International Primary School Potsdam)

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Our goal is to encourage bilingual, independent, confident happy learners.

We are a school with all-day care. We are open from 07:00 – 18:00 except on Fridays when we close at 16:30

Our school has a unique feeling. It is surrounded on three sides by forestry which we utilise as an outside classroom. We pride ourselves on our individual, independent, calm teaching approach. Fifty percent of our classes are English speaking with teachers who are mother tongue and fifty percent of them are German speaking, thus enabling the children to learn from each other. We teach skills including English in a creative, playful manner.

Our fundamental teaching methods centre around mixed year groups enabling individual, independent and group work through projects and along side more structured topic work as and when the children need it.

Through the following the children are able to progress and grow within a safe, secure, happy environment.

- a calm structured working environment
- flexible learning materials
- a Montessori based approach
- motivation using different ways and techniques to motivate
- creativity through music, art, sport and differentiation
- individuality looking at what the child needs in order to plan for their needs
- self learning the ability to find out for themselves
- child led with children participating in planning and decision making (through weekly student conference meetings)
- good home/school links meeting with parents

There is an afternoon programme where children pursue their interests as well as taking on new ones.

Kita: Children's House which as a pre-school for children 3 years – 6 years and Nursery School in addition to the Primary School.

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Our goal is to be a comfortable institution suitable for children. Pupils will be prepared for lifelong learning with emphasis on a healthy life style, environmentally friendly behavior and musically-aesthetic education.

About us

The Karl Foerster school was established in 1999. The former barracks' buildings (built in 1935) situated at the Kirschallee in Potsdam offer the best learning opportunities. Our school is attended by pupils ranging from age 6 to 12 years who live in the entire North of Potsdam (Bornstedt, Bornim, Nedlitz, Grube, Marquardt, Satzkorn, Paaren und Neu-Fahrland).

Currently 700 children are being educated in our school, which makes the Karl Foerster primary school the largest institution of its kind in Potsdam. The school is comprised of 24 classrooms and a diversity of specialized rooms such as music, art, science, technology and computers. It also houses a Whiteboard room, a couple of group rooms, a library, some teaching material rooms and a cafeteria. Because our building resources have been exhausted due to the high popularity of students we expanded to the nearby childcare facility. We now have the extra room to accommodate every pupil. In addition to the main buildings the school grounds offer two modern

equipped gymnasiums, an innovatively designed sports field for lessons and leisure activities as well as a school garden for nature related activities.

Furthermore our school offers the following accommodations for handicapped children:

- handicapped suitable entrance
- elevator
- handicapped suitable lavatories

School life:

Extracurricular activities:

- Spanish language
- singing in two choirs
- musical education in partnership with the music school "Bertheau and Morgenstern" in Potsdam
- computer
- photography
- playing guitar
- art
- volleyball

Competitions:

- reading competitions
- English Olympic games
- Mathematic Olympic games
- Kangaroo-Competition
- attendance of all sorts of sports competitions (city run, regional and state finals, volleyball, soccer and a small marathon)
- attendance of the competition: "most athletic school in Brandenburg"
- competition of reciting

School events:

- heralding the first day of school in August
- visiting the theatre and the children's movie days
- educational based excursions and field trips
- children's university for 3 to 4 graders
- open house
- visitation to the first grade by preschoolers
- Christmas concert/spring singing
- tribute to Karl Foerster
- sports and game meetings
- school party
- nurturing of the school's garden
- school trip week for grades 3 to 6
- ringing out the year

Katholische Marienschule Potsdam – Grundschule
(Catholic Marian School – Primary School)

State-approved school in private sponsorship of the Archdiocese of Berlin

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(via this address our secondary school can be contacted)

Since 1722, there were – with few interruptions – Catholic primary schools in Potsdam. The last primary schools, the “Katholische Marienschule” and the Primary School Babelsberg, were dissolved in 1939 by the National Socialists. Since the late 90s, Berlins and Potsdamer parents tried to re-establish the “Marianenschule”. In 08/31/2008, our Archbishop, Cardinal George Sterzinsky, opened with a festive service the Marian School as a primary school and secondary school. From our Christian self-understanding, the children and adolescents are in the focus of our educational activities.

We want:

- identify them with their special talents and strengthen them,
- take them with their weaknesses and support and
- detect their individual needs.

Religion is a regular subject at our school. Days of religious orientation and education divine services are an integral part of school life. Morning circle, independent work in silence, networked teaching and the subject instruction are based on the Marchtaler plan, the structural elements of our educational concept, which takes the person in the focus. These structural elements in interaction enable personality-forming experiences with specific teaching and learning.

- teaching methodology: opening lessons to individualization with instructions in networking with weekly schedules and free work
- artistic-aesthetic focus: regulary theater by children for children, musicals, requisits, art exhibitions
- project lessons: e.g introduction to self-directed learning, learning how to learn
- foreign languages: English from grade 3 with additional focus hours
- exploration hour: exploratory learning from class 1
- schools library: under construction
- media: computer, internet access, media competence

All day care:

Nursery carrier: Malteserwerke Phone: 0331 505-86018
Manager: Mrs Lahr-Eigen
After school care 13:30 to 17:30

School fees since 1. Januar 2010:

45,00 Euro per month: primary school; 75,00 Euro Gymnasium

We have and need friends

Independent schools need friends and supporters. The support association of the Marianenschule founded in the early 90s. Thanks to it, the school exists today.

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Vice: Mrs Katerbau

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Neue Grundschule Marquardt (New Primary School Marquardt)

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Education offers

Our educational program meets in its organizational and substantive presentation the guideline of the Brandenburg Schools Act. The bilingual education program extends in its offer an early foreign language education. Already in grade 1, the children are learning English within 3 additional hours per week (in maths, social studies, music, they are communicating in this language).

Special features

Foreign language education: English as a “second mother tongue” from class 1 in the bilingual education program, optional another foreign language (French or Spanish) from Class 3.

Media education

The subject media education as focus lessons are performed in classes 1–4 in 1 hour per week. Focus lessons in informatics in classes 5–6. Concerning the multimedia society, the pupils are taught in different media, as well as the internet (“possible advantages and dangers of internet use”)

Learning in projects

In project-based teaching and project weeks (4 per school year), not just the content of education will be taught in interdisciplinary contexts, this also self-initiates the development of skills, learning independently and in a team.

Supervised individual learning

In addition to differentiated learning opportunities during the lesson (such as a lesson in chess rather than mathematics for the gifted), the offers in extracurricular fields and advices on learning in small groups help compensating deficiencies and promote special talents.

All-day care

Within our all-day school care, we daily offer from 6:00 to 18:00 education and leisure and we are connecting the developmental needs with each other. Various interest groups such as break dancing, karate, guitar, sewing, science, chess, English theatre, cooking, etc. create a connection between gaming and learning, encouraging the development of interests, skills and talents of the children. Therefore we provide workstations and create appropriate conditions that support children in completing their homework.

Playing meets School

For the 2010/11 school year our school was certified by the initiative “Playing meets School”.

School care for children of the New Primary School Marquardt

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Neue Grundschule Potsdam (New Primary School Potsdam)

State-approved alternative school
All-day offers

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Education offers

Our educational program meets in its organizational and substantive presentation the guideline of the Brandenburg Schools Act. The bilingual education program extends in its offer an early foreign language education. Already in grade 1, the children are learning English within 3 additional hours per week (in mathematics, general studies, music, they are communicating in the targeted language).

Special features

Foreign language training: English as a “second mother tongue” from class 1 in the bilingual education program, optional another foreign language (French or Spanish) from class 3

Learning in projects

In the form of project work and project weeks not just the content of education will be taught in interdisciplinary contexts, but also the development of competence, self-initiated and self-employed learning as a team.

Supervised individual study

In small classes of 20 pupils, we create differentiated learning opportunities using different and diverse teaching methods. In the extra-curricular field, the offer for learning counselling in small groups helps compensating deficits and promoting special talents.

All-day care

Within our all-day school care, we daily offer from 6:00 to 18:00 education and leisure that are connected age-appropriate in order to match the developmental needs.

Various clubs such as computer courses, theatre, dancing, artistry, music theatre, sports etc. create a connection between gaming and learning, encouraging the development of interests, skills and talents of the children. In the homework supervision, the teaching material accompanying the pre-and post exercises can be made under the supervision of an educator. Therefore we provide workstations and create appropriate conditions that support children in completing their homework.

School care for children of the New Primary School Potsdam

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Nursery carrier: ASG Anerkannte Schulgesellschaft mbH Phone.: 03733-426740

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Regenbogenschule Fahrland (Rainbow School Fahrland)

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Offers of education

- foreign language: English from year one
- differentiation in years 5/6 in mathematics, German, English
- protestant religious education in year 5/6

School traditions

- project days
 - participation in the Kangaroo Competition
 - annual school fair
 - participation in the harvest festival in Fahrland
 - carol singing
 - sports day
 - events with our partner the fruit-growing company "Obstgut Fahrland"
 - reading competition
 - participation in the mathematics competition
 - excursions, class trips, hiking days
 - runs for charity
 - participation in the MAZ newspaper relay race
 - sports competitions with the school in Groß Glienicke
- From November we offer a weekly course for the coming class 1 pupils.

Characteristics

- low number of pupils in one class guarantees a high individuality of learning and living together in class
- science lessons in special rooms
- computer science lessons on internet capable network integrated computers
- pedagogical care for pupils with need of special help
- pupils' kitchen with modern equipment
- gymnasium and sports ground on the school area
- big handicrafts room, dancing room, modern rooms for after school care
- library

Day offers

- lessons in the morning
- close cooperation with the after school care people
- lunch and looked-after play time
- individual learning time in small groups
- supervised homework time by teachers in cooperation with the after school day care people

- a great variety of free time offers (according to the age): aerobics, football, dance, all sports club, cooking club, drawing club, French, Children's church, melodic, music school, song group, English theatre, young reporters, school chronicle, archery club, needlework, computer club, discover the world, photography, flowers and herbs, we play music, dancing groups.

After school care for the pupils of the Rainbow School Fahrland

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OT Fahrland, Ketziner Str. 31 c, 14476 Potsdam

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Rosa-Luxemburg-Schule (Rosa Luxemburg School)

All-day school – a full school day

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Rosa-Luxemburg-School is an all-day school. School is from 8 am till 2 pm for all children. Individual lessons provide time for revision and recreation.

Our guiding principle:

Two things children should get from parents and school: Roots and Wings. (*J. W. v. Goethe*)

School curriculum:

Mixed classes for incoming pupils (year 1 and 2) allow provision of support for all levels of learning. In all classes we have: traditional and progressive teaching methods, weekly tailored plans for learning, projects.

Classes 1–4: verbal evaluations

Positive atmosphere for learning and working, based on German standards, aspects of fine arts, environmental education, social learning and physical education. Structured framework for learning, working and life at school, e.g.

- balanced day with periods of learning and recreation
- school rules
- different highlights during the year
- English lessons commence in year 1
- project: "Music for Brandenburg" music class, weekly – one more lesson in year 1/2 and in year 4 (elementary education and guitar)
- project: "One school for all children" education for non-handicapped and handicapped children (UN convention, 2009)

Facilities:

- school building in Potsdam city centre reopened after a complete refurbishment in 2010

- co-operation between school and after-school care (offered by AWO); both located on the school grounds
- very good facilities with large classrooms for school use and after-school care
- large playground with lots of trees and green outdoor spaces
- after-school care with emphasis on environmental education
- school garden with a beehive, playing fields, gym, dining hall and theatre
- new library with computers for learning
- very committed teachers

Variety of after-school activities in cooperation with the after-school care (AWO) and other partners and clubs, like: football, wrestling, dancing, pottery, drumming, choir, guitar, piano, chess, French, drama group, beekeepers and others.

Schiller-Grundschule im Sternfeld (Schiller Primary School Sternfeld)

All-Day offers

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In addition to the usual Brandenburg school curriculum legal basics, we define our educational mission as providing a high degree of individualization that applies to various characteristics of the school: We are an approved "Half-day primary school", but with a number of additional all-day services (opening times: Monday to Thursday 7:15 to 17:30, Friday until 16:30, on holidays Monday to Friday 8:00 to 16:00).

In our facility, not more than 15 children learn in one class. We support our pupils with special conditions for individual learning. This is achieved through the small class sizes, specific homework support, the learning skills project "learning to learn", groupwork sessions and teaching techniques beyond the usual models. We also offer further differentiation lessons.

Our subject and extra-curricular teaching

English is taught right from the first class as a contact language. If English is taught in the third class as a regular subject, we start with the second foreign language – optional French or Spanish. We take social education just as seriously as the more mainstream 'cognitive training'. Our all-day opening enables us to offer extracurricular social activities in which great potential can be unlocked. In this field of education we include close contact with animals on our school grounds. Children learn responsibility already at an early stage while taking care of animals. Our education is also supported by partnership between parents and school. This is reflected in the committee work and also in significant parental involvement such as in our supporter association which is called "Schiller Sternchen" (Schiller's Stars).

Special highlights in school life are project days, annual school trips (reading night in Class 1), musical performances and participation in various extra-curricular educational activities and competitions.

Recent developments

Children now get an extra hour of instruction in German and mathematics once a week, because these two core subjects have gained increased importance since the introduction of the new transition process in the secondary schools (UE7) with its central comparative studies in the sixth grade.

In the school year 2010/11, we opened a pre-school. The after-school care is part of the all-day offer. We are proud of our friendly atmosphere and are looking forward to seeing curious children and parents dropping in for a look around and a chat.

Schule am Griebnitzsee (School at Griebnitzsee)

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School fundamentals

- school is situated in natural surroundings
- our school building is newly renovated
- large school yard – The renovation of the school yard is going to be finished in April 2013.
- modern sports facilities
- a choice of 3 meals at lunch time (one of which is a healthy bio-alternative) and the possibility of ordering milk for the first morning break
- computer lab with 26 workstations and Internet access
- classrooms for specialized subjects
- a large room for music and theatre projects

School profile

The school has an artistic-aesthetic profile:

- guides the students towards an appreciation of the aesthetics in each subject – makes crossovers between subjects through projects (i.e.: circus-project or children conference)
- we believe in a pleasant learning and social atmosphere
- all the children from primary 3 onwards begin to learn to play a musical instrument
- successful school choir, open to all children
- long term project “reading, painting, playing music” supported by parent association group
- attractive offerings in science, languages and sport such as laboratories under the direction of the Extavium in Potsdam
- Participation in the project “Hands for Kids – Democracy for Kids” that encourages active engagement in a political process from children at an early age

Year highlights

- themed project weeks, a school festival every 2 years, a parent association group inspired celebration
- a reading day with reading competition from year 1
- musician competition
- English comprehension competition in class 5 and 6 ("The big challenge")
- mathematic competition open to grade 3 and onwards, participation in the Kangaroo Mathematic competition for interested students
- carol singing in the Friedrichskirche
- open days and opportunities to visit lessons by appointment
- school trips starting at grade 3
- successful participation in inter-school sports events

Miscellaneous extras

- high educational standards and additional learning support
- integration of children with special needs
- support for pupils with specific learning disabilities and highly talented children
- a flourishing parent association group
- 50% of our children attend religious lessons (catholic or protestant)
- good networking with nurseries

Clubs

Football/Hockey/Volleyball/Choir/Chess

After school care for children of school at Griebnitzsee

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Nursery: Schüleroase "Nimmerland" Phone: 0331 705-053

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Nursery carrier: Elternverein "Zwergenland" e.V. Phone: 0331 705-053

Karl-Marx-Str. 69, 14482 Potsdam

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Nursery: Alternative Hortbetreuung (AKI) for children from class 4 Phone: 0331 289-7658

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Nursery: Elternverein "Zwergenland" e.V. Phone: 0331 705-053

Karl-Marx-Str. 69, 14482 Potsdam

Nursery: Babelsberger Kindertraum Phone: 0331 747-5330

Otto-Erich-Straße 11/13, 14482 Potsdam

Nursery: MUG Brandenburg e.V. Phone: 03332 411848

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Waldstadt-Grundschule
(Waldstadt Primary School)

Open School with a lot of clubs and FLEX

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Special offers for education:

- foreign language: Englisch
- FLEX- means class 1+2 learn together (flexible reception class)
- all day open school

We use different forms of teaching:

- learning in pair work
- learning with weekly schedule
- learning in workshops
- learning at other places apart the school-building
- learning with environmental aspects

Specialities at school:

- well-equipped classrooms with modern furniture and gears
- big and beautiful school building with a school garden
- collaboration with after school care club
- offering milk and lunch for our pupils
- support every pupil to develop their individual skills
- homework-room with care and assistance from Monday to Thursday
- projects about environmental topics
- awarded as "Environmental School in Europe"
- supported by a beneficial society
- partnership with the St. George's School in Windsor and pupils' exchange
- various clubs for learning the English language
- going on class trips, having farewell parties and many other highlights at school
- awarded as "Agenda School"
- learn and teach in double periods (90 minutes) and long breaks between the lessons
- participation at the Comenius project with other European schools

Different clubs at school:

Pottery, PE, dancing, play the guitar, English, computer, football, choir, chess, acting, needle and yarn, workshop, school garden, climbing, hockey, wrestling, make soap boxes, ethic club

We are supported and aided by many partners and volunteers who help to organizing these activities:

- staff of library – bank
- staff of music school – youth club
- policemen in our area – kindergarden
- pensioners – sport club from the waldstadt area

After the last lesson the boys and girls can stay at school in the after school care club. Parents

have to pay for it.

After school care

Nursery: Hort der Waldstadt-Grundschule "Rasselbande" Phone: 0331 810-037
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Nursery carrier: AWO Kinder- und Jugendhilfe Potsdam gGmbH Phone: 0331 581-480
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Weidenhof-Grundschule (Weidenhof Primary School)

All Day offers (OF)

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Education offers

- Contact language: English from class 1
- 1st foreign language: English from class 3
- performance differentiation: new media (computer), German (Young Reporters)
- science/technology/working groups: library, computer, new media, mathematics for the interested and gifted pupils, school garden, cooking and baking, artistic work groups such as dance, literature/theatre, art, photography, sports associations, such as: soccer, judo, fitness, after-school sports, music school (melodica, accordion)

Specialties:

- all-day school (full-time offers in the open form)
- nursery (Fröbel e.V.) in the house
- food supply, homework support
- 2006 reconstructed own gym, tartan-sports court, large schoolyard with lots of new green areas
- well-equipped special class rooms (biology/physics, geography/history, art, English, music, economics, labour and technology)
- media cabinet with internet access
- school library and reading room
- support for our pupils by school social worker
- priorities of the school program, both in artistic, music and sports category groups as well as environmental education
- use of the "Integration Garden Schlaatz" for the working group "school garden"
- participation in the energy saving project "Eco-EEC program"
- award 2003 as "Moving Primary School"
- Title "School without Racism" 2008
- traditional highlights of the school year (enrolment ceremony, project days, open days, Christmas concert, speech or recitation contest, carnival, court festival, children's day celebration, art competition, sports day)
- successful participation of school teams in all urban open city competitions and contests

- arrangement of the city championships for primary schools in soccer
- presentation of field trips, teaching courses, walking days and school trips

School care for children of Primary School Weidenhof

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Schilfhof 29, 14478 Potsdam

Nursery carrier: Fröbel gGmbH Potsdam Phone: 0331 967-8050

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Zeppelin-Grundschule (Zeppelin Primary School)

Sports-accented all-day education offers

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Focus on sports

The sporting profile of our school is suitable to all children. Especially for children who like to move and want to benefit sporting offers to discover and develop their talents.

Education offers

- class 1/2 contact language English, protestant religious education
- class 3-6 English as foreign language, protestant religious education classes 3 and 4
- class 3-6 individual learning time for doing homework and to support
- class 5-6 performance differentiation in the subjects German, mathematics, English
- class 5-6 performance differentiation (home work, chess, creative design, first aid)
- sports encouragement from Grade 1, basketball
- from Grade 2 special education including reading weakness, dyscalculia, general assistance in the subjects German, mathematics, English
- class 3/4 support for the gifted – “calculation foxes”

Focus on Sports

- 4 sports courses/hours a week
- close cooperation with sports federations
- regular consultation with the coaches
- sports focused working groups

Environmental education

- lessons in the school garden (seeding, taking care, harvesting)
- design and performance of project days
- participation in energy saving program "Öko-Smart"
- visitation to the forest school
- scrap metal collection in autumn and spring

Traditions

- school and sports festival, open days, Christmas workshop, olympics, chronicles, spring-clean, school chess tournament, class trips, participation in sports events, kite building

Parents

- cooperation with parents in the classes and gremia
- the supporting association promotes school festivals and interna

Workshop

Chess, library, soccer, cooking, music, keyboard, French, Russian, mediator, circus, athletic sports

Learning conditions

- School buildings with generous open spaces, playground, table tennis tables, school garden, gymn

Special features

Classrooms, special classrooms (music, art, economy-labour-technology, English, Social studies, physics, biology, geography/history), group rooms, computer cabinet, chronicle, kitchen, library with approximately 4,000 books

- food supply and milk offers
- orientation days for future first graders in April/May 2011
- participation in competitions (reading competition, mathematics olympics, school chess competition in English class 6, "Kangaroo Competition", participating in various sports competitions)
- Project days and festivals (environment, traffic education, health, Christmas shop, Sports Festival, Children's Day, summer party, spring cleaning, children's university, newspaper flirt, Europe project, project days)

School care for children of The Zeppelin Primary School

Nursery: Integration Kita "Sonnenland" Phone: 0331 9098-421

Knobelsdorffstr. -8, 14471 Potsdam

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Others:

Nursery: "Einstein Kids" Phone: 0331 909-8421

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Weiterführende Schulen/Secondary Schools

Alfred-Nobel-Gesamtschule (Alfred Nobel Secondary School)

A secondary school who thinks of tradition whilst embracing New Technology.

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We are the first school in Brandenburg to use iPads within a whole class situation.

Elected Classes

- from year 7 in addition to the regular subjects, compulsory education is expanded through other elected subjects. This takes into account the interests and abilities of Students
- In addition to the scientific subjects (physics, biology, chemistry is taught through cross curricular links) an additional foreign language is also taught
- from year 9 a second elected subject is taken (psychology education, computer science and an additional foreign language can be selected)
- the elected courses I and II will be covered until the end of year 10

Basic and extension courses

The lessons within our school are differentiated according to the learning abilities of the students. Subjects are differentiated into intermediate and advanced. From year 7 it is mathematics and English. From year 8 the subject is German, and in year 9 and year 10, the subjects are chemistry and physics.

Statements

The students have the possibility to complete the following:

- at the end of year 10 the Fachoberschulreife
- at the end of year 13 the Abitur.

Extra Curricular Activities

Spanish, art, cooking with a local chef, dance, experiments, yoga, theatre, creative design, soccer camps, music lessons (piano, keyboard, percussion and singing with a qualified voice coach), painting, swimming.

Special features

- the school is open from 07:00 with lessons starting 8:30 to 16:30
- in the morning the students work on their activities individually or in working teams
- they are given clear goals within their ability, enabling them to achieve and progress at their own pace
- in the afternoon a more creative curriculum is taught

- on three afternoons a wide range of the elected subjects are taught
- they work as a team by thinking and collaborating together, thus taking the responsibility for their own learning and discovering the talents they have within.

We offer all this through a stimulating, lively environment in which we respect everyone's views. Also on offer is primary school and nursery.

Babelsberger Filmgymnasium (The Babelsberger Filmgymnasium)

International School
recognized substitute school

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Welcome to bfg

The "babelsberger filmgymnasium" is a private, state-accredited, coeducational day school located straight across "Medienstadt-Babelsberg" station and nearby "Filmpark Babelsberg". Our special profiles include a focus on film and dance as well as a bilingual program starting in year 8. Students of the "bfg" can acquire the university entrance qualification ("Abitur") in their senior year (12th grade).

Our educational program responds to and reflects the changing community and world around us. While our teachers are committed to challenging the students intellectually and socially, our film coordinators, arts and music departments foster students' interest in media and the fine performing arts. In addition, we are dedicated to preparing our students for the world of work by offering a number of preparatory experiences in a variety of business sectors.

Extracurricular activities include dance, a school band, a choir, a radio-team, a school magazine and, of course, film. The latter can be chosen as an optional basic course for the "Abitur", for which students receive an additional certificate.

Because of its location close to the "Filmpark Babelsberg" and the "Film and Television University" (HFF), cooperation between these two institutions and our school is well-established. We also cooperate with "Thalia" cinema in Potsdam-Babelsberg and other institutions in the region.

For further information please visit our website at:

<http://www.babelsberger-filmgymnasium.de/>

Berta-von-Suttner-Gymnasium

Gymnasium Babelsberg – “Ancient school building – modern ideas”

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Language Offers

- 1st foreign language English
- 2nd foreign language French and Spanish
- 3rd foreign language Russian and Latin

The following information have been created by a working group under the leadership of Astrid Thorak who is in charge of the development of the grammar school. The informations are the basis for content and organization.

General information

- a hundred years of school tradition
- combination of proven traditions and modernity
- up-to-date special cabinets
- large-scaled school campus with two school buildings, two gyms, a restored building for manifold occasions and a beautiful schoolyard – created by the ideas of the pupils
- lunch in the multipurpose building, supply and all-day care by the cafeteria

Conceptual

- block teaching is a possibility to improve and explore lessons (each 90 minutes of class an optional break in individual responsibility)
- obligatory traineeship for all students of the 9th grade
- long-term study and vocational preparation
- cooperation with the initiative group “proWissen” to increase the clearness and the relation between teaching and practice of science
- manifold and individual support (from teaching support to gifted students)
- experience school as a place for learning and habitat
- acquisition of methodological skills
- development of media skills at a high level
- promotion of social skills
- close collaboration with the primary school and comprehensive school on the campus (creating and sharing common highlights of working groups)

Profiling

- the profile of the school will largely be shaped by the involvement of parents and pupils.
- the focus is on promoting linguistic, scientific and artistic and aesthetic affinities.
- compulsory from grade 9: foreign language, computer studies, astronomy, presentation and design, sports
- assignment of focus lessons according to the affinity of the students

A good school comes from experience and new ideas.

“Ancient school building – young ideas”

Einstein-Gymnasium

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1st foreign language English
2nd foreign language French, Spanish
3rd foreign language Latin and Spanish (beginning in 10th grade)

Elective subjects beginning in the 10th grade:

computer science, economics, engineering, drama class, media and communication, Latin, Spanish (3rd foreign language)

Co-curricular programmes:

junior choir, senior choir, dragon boat, schoolband "Tonwerk", cooperation with the Hasso-Plattner-Institute, programming of models (competition "LEGO-Wettbewerb")

Specifics

- emphasis on mathematics and natural sciences (additional number of lessons)
- international students' exchange with Uppsala (Sweden), Halden and Sandnessjon (Norway), Padua (Italy), Valencia and Madrid (Spain), Hardewijk (The Netherlands), Lev Hscharon (Israel)
- participation in federal competitions, regional competitions, city competitions (literature), "Math Olympics", "Jugend trainiert für Olympia" (Young people train for Olympics), "Biology Olympics", English competition "The Big Challenge"
- Pi-Day (14.03.2010), participation in the "Kangaroo Competition" – international math competition)
- internship in the 9th grade
- emphasis on Spanish lessons in preparation of bilingual senior classes in Spanish and History course guidance in cooperation with the the University of Potsdam, the organization "Studium lohnt" and the German Employment Agency
- associations: Friends of the Einstein-Gymnasium, Association of Former Students of the Einstein-Gymnasium
- events of the school year: courtyard festival, school competitions, workshops, theatre workshops, Christmas concerts, trip and workshop of the choirs and the orchestra, spring party, literature club
- Day of Natural Science for senior students
- lunch, food supply in the breaks, lockers
- projects: „Sokrates“, „Comenius“ – European project in cooperation with Norway, Cyprus, Slovenia, Spain, Israel; school taking part in an energy savings programme, brochure with information about the school, students exchange with the Netherlands, Italy and Spain
- cooperation contract with the University of Potsdam, the dancing school "Balance", ALBA Berlin (Basketball team), RAA (anti-bullying-programme)

Senior offers of the Senior School

- Economics
- engineering
- drama class
- Spanish beginning in the 10th grade
- media and communication (auditory media, print media/processing of pictures and films, analysis)
- advanced courses in: German, English, Spanish, history, geography, mathematics, physics, chemistry, biology, computer science, arts)
- bilingual lessons in Spanish/history

**Evangelisches Gymnasium Hermannswerder
mit Internat der Hoffbauer GmbH**
(Protestant Secondary School with boarding
home of the Hermannswerder Hoffbauer
Association)

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Legal Status: state approved alternative school

Boarding school: 60 boarding places



School Partnerships

Poland: Protestant Liceum Cieszyn, Netherlands: Amadeus Lyceum in Utrecht, France: Lycée St. Vincent Providence Rennes, UK: Bromsgrove School, Bromsgrove, Brazil: Colégio Visconde de Porto Seguro, Sao Paulo

Languages

- 1st foreign language: English (from class 5)
- 2nd foreign language: Latin or French (from class 7) performance and gifted class: Latin from grade 6
- 3rd foreign language: Greek or Latin or French from grade 9
- additional lessons in Spanish (on demand all-day working group)
- advanced courses (courses of an higher level of requirements), senior grades: German, English, French, Latin, Greek, mathematics, physics, biology, history, religion, music, art

Profile

- protestant profile
- school divine services and weekly devotionals
- ecumenical openness on a protestant base
- religious education as an ordinary and mandatory subject
- diaconal internship in class 11

Focus

- artistic focus

- performance- and gifted class in this subject
- several school choirs
- big band
- chamber orchestra
- year-round theatre project (8th grade)
- performing arts as an optional subject from class 9 and in the senior grades with numerous courses
- classical and modern languages
- Latin and Greek, with degree graecum and latinum
- participation in speech contests
- additional certificates in French (DELFI) and English (Cambridge)
- open all-day activities
- all-day program for grades 5–9
- homework help, special teaching support
- various working groups: sports (rowing, sailing, hockey, soccer, handball, canoeing, etc.), artistic-musical field, (choirs, chamber ensembles, theatre, sculpture, drawing, Film, photography, ceramics, fashion tailoring), bio-club, chemistry club, computer courses, Zoo, chess etc.

Special features

- secondary school with 100 years of tradition in an attractive scenically location
- individual coaching and talent development in a harmonious school climate
- modern boarding school campus
- new science pavilion with five modern equipped special rooms
- computer science as an optional subject from class 9 and extension courses in senior grades
- own boathouse on the Havel-river
- bilingual teaching sequences in biology and history
- school trips (classes 5-7 camp school, class 9 sailing trip, class 10 exchange trips)
- class 12 study tours (e.g. Rome, Greece, Israel, Dublin, Prague, Vienna)
- supporter association and alumni meetings
- partnerships with the parish, University of Potsdam, The House of Brandenburg-Prussian History, Biotechnology Association Berlin-Brandenburg, Potsdam Sports Union, Sailing Club, Johanniter Ambulance, Diakonia society Potsdam
- multiple awarded student newspaper, "Tornowgraph"
- student café

Highlights of the school year

- enrolment school divine service
- worship and celebration of the Abitur
- theatre performances (working group, optional courses, many basic courses in the performing arts, senior grades)
- evenings conversation on cultural topics in Hermannswerder
- choir tours and concerts (concert choir, chamber music concert, church music project)
- reading and rhetoric competition
- sports events, including school triathlon

School fees charged depending on the income.

Friedrich-Willhelm-von-Steuben-Gesamtschule
(Friedrich Wilhelm von Steuben Comprehensive School)

with secondary school – all-day school

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Education offers

- 1st foreign language: English
- 2/3rd foreign language: French, Russian, Spanish
- optional 2nd foreign language
- from grade 7: Natural Sciences, economy-technology-sports-work, computer science as compulsory elective subject
- from grade 9: 2nd foreign language, Russian / French / Spanish
- i. e. ceramics, motor vehicle engineering, astronomy, art, artistic designs, computer science
- senior grade level: particular subjects and courses: psychology, law, art and computer science as an extension course, rowing course and ski camps within the sports education and one-week trip in class 12.
- Working groups: rugby, keyboard, choir, guitar, karate, basketball, volleyball, soccer, aerobics, line-dancing, student café, Spanish, aikido, school medical support, etc.

Why do I really want to come here?

- all-day school: working hours, working groups, remedial lessons, homework room, conflict mediation, cafeteria, library ...
- schools with common classes: integration of disabled children – successful for 15 years, individual development, particularly in the fields of sports
- school on the way to the common EUROPE:
 - language courses: English, French, Russian, Spanish
- partnerships in France, Norway, Denmark, Netherlands, Gummersbach
- Cooperation with
 - BuS e. V.
 - Cultural Workshop in Kirchsteigfeld e. V.
 - Brandenburg e. V. Association of Fine Artists
 - SC Potsdam: Integrating sports, sports orientation from grade 7
 - Youth Club OFFLINE: lunch and leisure offerings
 - Potsdam Municipal Music School
 - JOHANNITER - Unfallhilfe
 - Karate Club Potsdam I - Preußen e. V.
 - Urania, "Schulhaus"
 - USV Potsdam, Abt. Rugby
 - ALBA Berlin Basketball

Features and highlights

Cafeteria, library and computer-equipped reading room, four modern-equipped computer cabinets, teaching kitchen, ceramic workshop, conflict mediation, school social worker, support association, substitution schedule via the Internet, in-school olympics, designer of the "Russian Olympics", Project "Togo", Education for Balanka
Block lessons from grades 7 to 13. Classes begin: 08:00

Gesamtschule Peter Joseph Lenné (Peter Joseph Lenné Comprehensive School)

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Education offers

- 1st foreign language: English
- 2nd foreign language: Russian, French (from class 7)
- 2nd foreign language: Russian, French, Latin (from class 9)
- 3rd foreign language: French*, Latin*, Russian* (from class 9)
* as required (minimum 15 participants)
- optional subject (I) computer science!
- from grade 7 2nd foreign language (4 hours per week), natural science (focus on biology/ecology)
- optional subject (II) 2nd or 2rd foreign language
- from grade 9: natural science (focus on ecology) (2 hours per week) Computer Science*, foreign language, arts* (4 hours per week)
* as required (minimum 15 participants)
- groups: choir, school radio, computer club, samba/percussion group, school band, photography, sports group

Special features

content:

- focus on computer science/natural science and on artistic/aesthetic fields - implementation of multimedia teaching and learning in all subject fields
- consultant school in the project "Reformzeit"
- implementation of an environmental internship in grade 7
- formation of learning areas (social sciences)
- differentiated learning in mathematics, German, English (7/8)
- topical, interdisciplinary teaching projects
- wide range of support programs in mathematics, English, German
- implementation of projects, followed by an action day
- specialized professional teaching days
- social engagement "Thinking of others not just in Christmas time"
- Intense contacts to partner schools in Derby (England), Stenlose (Denmark) and St. Jean de Luz (France)

organizational:

- effective teaching time regime ("block model" 90-minute intervals)
- computer rooms with all-day use of multimedia and internet-enabled computers
- school's own gym
- school-owned boats
- pleasant learning climate
- high degree of transparency in all matters

senior grades:

- advanced courses in the subjects: mathematics, German, English, computer science, biology, chemistry, art, history and geography* * as required (minimum 15 participants)
- optional courses: law/role play
- projects: "More performance in the extension course" with special lessons, internships, field trips
- ski camp in class 11
- study trip in the extension course in 12th grade
- projects designed for study preparation. Partner of our school work:
 - Alumni Lenné (association of former students)
 - UNI Potsdam
 - Brandenburg Employers' Association
 - Sport Boat Club "Havelland" Potsdam eV
 - Member of the "Group of Innovative Schools" by the Bertelsmann Foundation
 - Stadtwerke Potsdam
 - Barmer Ersatzkasse
 - Cabaret "Obelisk"
 - Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research
 - Robert Bosch Stiftung
 - Potsdam Museum
 - Ausbildungsbrücke/Diakonisches Werk
 - Mittelbrandenburgische Sparkasse
 - Study College at the HPI

Hermann-von-Helmholtz-Gymnasium **(The Helmholtz School)**

Keeping the tried and trusted –
shaping the future
Full-time bilingual "Europaschule"

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Mathematics
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Natural Science
Technology

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The Helmholtz School – an educational summary

Hermann-von-Helmholtz Grammar School is a “Europaschule”. Founded in 1739 the school considers itself to be committed to the fundamental values of tolerance, internationality and motivation. In the context of their extensive educational partnerships this is reflected in the Comenius Programme of the EU; numerous events on European policy issues; and the cooperation with European and European-political organisations. With this the school strives to deepen the European idea.

The school is committed to high standards of classroom work, recognising and praising successful academic progress and extracurricular activities. Friends of the school support its success by honouring students and teachers with an award for outstanding contribution. The Helmholtz school takes talent and class achievement on and goes to great lengths to encourage talented students, who in the future, could be in high positions of power in large Corporations.

The current emphasis within the subject-related academic areas is on the continuous improvement of curricular opportunities, the development towards an increased profile and the use of extracurricular training locations. To provide this, since 1991, the Maths and Science branch (including computer science) has been massively expanded so that the school can demonstrate their potential through their participation in competitions at the local, county and national levels.

Helmholtz Grammar School is a member of MINT-EC and uses its inherent advantages for internal networking and collectively useful additional training. The teaching of mathematics and science is complemented by in-school and external workshops as well as offering a general encouragement of scientific knowledge for interested parties.

The bilingual, German-English branch gives extensive foreign language training. Not only does increased contact hours for English provide a different form of organisation, but provides for the teaching of history, economic science and political education in English. Gradually other subjects are to be supplemented with English language modules too.

The orientation of the national competition in foreign languages and tests, or rather certificates like DELF (French) and CertiLingua, also contribute to the ability to study at overseas events and in particular participate in English events such as the European Youth Parliament or the European model parliament.

The music branch, previously created by a special music class from the General Secondary School, ensures an extensive musical training thanks to a different form of organisation. The department features the pop choir, the big band and the large choir ensembles, who boast both county and national level experience. Different genres of music are available to students because of this different musical approach. This includes group music, musical theater, music and movement, and Dance.

In order to provide extra-curricular activities, the school requires non-school partners for the provision of practical work, (scientific institutes in Potsdam, University of Potsdam, industrial firms) additional course offerings and joint ventures (Urania, VHS, Treffpunkt Freizeit, MINT EC). The school is constantly working together with business associations and companies. There are cooperation agreements with the University of Potsdam, Daimler Financial Services AG and O₂ Germany. The school also works together with different universities.

Humboldt-Gymnasium

Project partner of the Goethe Institute in
"Schools in Transition" – all-day school

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Humboldt Gymnasium – where high expectations and joy in learning are combined.

Languages Offered

1st foreign language: English

2nd foreign language: Latin, French, Spanish

3rd foreign language: Latin/French/Spanish/Russian (depending on the choices of the year group)

We proceed from the uniqueness of personality, whereby the diversity of personalities reflects the richness of the school.

General:

- long school tradition (founded in 1822, 1946 named after the brothers of Humboldt, 1991 Grammar school)
- broad profile without early specialization
- school climate supports personal development and positive performance (countrywide top positions in central examinations and comparisons as well as at competitions; holds positions at the top of countrywide league tables in central examinations and competitions)
- 650 pupils and 50 teachers, building in 3 parts, sports hall and sports facilities, lunch and break refreshment areas.

Special:

- finalist in the school award in 2006 (in competition with 481 schools)
- successful participation in the projects "quality makes a school", "school in transition" and SEIS, excellent result in the school supervision
- "Base of gifted education" in cooperation with the primary school "Am Priesterweg"
- Performance and gifted classes
- open all-day activities

Conceptual:

- "Learning to learn" (annual cycle of the learning workshop for the school Olympics)
- "Strengthening strengths – weakening weaknesses" (individualization of teaching and learning),
- "Challenging support" – demanding learning goals and challenging learning processes
- successful participation in debating competitions (Maths Olympiad, Kangaroo, Day of Mathematics in Berlin, biology, chemistry and physics working groups, Speech Olympics, youth debating contests, youth training for the Olympics, youth makes music, Big Challenge, Odyssey of the Mind)
- Gifted education in the sense of multiple intelligences in ADDITUM/all-day education. Working groups: info, maths, biology, chemistry, legal studies, film; in-house studio, school radio, art workshop, theatre group, conversation & debating club, technology working group, LEGO Mindstorms, Russian for beginners, project Prix des Lycéens, creative program "Odyssey of the Mind", tennis, basketball, volleyball, juggling, climbing AG, oriental dance, chess

- individual support (from private tutoring to support for gifted pupils, including the encouragement of special and gifted students through varied activities and measures)

Partnership:

- cooperation agreements with the University of Potsdam, Rolls-Royce Germany, Educational Institute of Economics in Berlin and Brandenburg, the Institute of Management Consultancy, VDI, Havel Film Babelsberg, Institut Français (DELF), Potsdam Tennis Club Rot-Weiß, Akademie 2. Lebenshälfte
- cooperation with the International Centre for Gifted Research in Münster and school psychologists in Potsdam,
- partner schools in France (Lille), USA (Sioux Falls), Russia (St. Petersburg), China (Shanghai)

Tradition:

- introductory school trip in class 5 or 7 to the Youth Training Centre Blossin
- rhetoric training "Youth debates" training in years 8 and 11
- work experience placement in class 9, work experience placement (business-technology-science) in class 11
- language and study trips, DSP and ski camp
- annual training workshop, including experts and graduates
- school olympics (German, arts/music, maths, etc, foreign languages in grades 5 to 10; fitness Test 5–12; jurors are students themselves)
- academic and vocational orientation (science week, taster study, application training with Rolls Royce Germany),
- presentation of experiences from the year abroad
- traditional events (training for the class representatives, theatre days in English, theatre subscriptions, Cinéfête, alumni meetings, talent shows, Christmas concerts and carol singing, soccer/football tournament)
- active supporter association (Humboldt-Ball, field trip "A Day with a former Humboldtian", Sponsor of the "Humboldt Award" for outstanding commitment)

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Education offers

- 1st foreign language: English
- 2nd foreign language: French, Russian
- Obligatory subject from year 7:
 - 2nd foreign language
 - natural sciences



- working study –computer science
- technology
- economy

Specialties:

- the relatively small number of students allows a high level of individuality in learning and living together
- classes are held in the classroom
- a solid computer education for all pupils in two modern computer cabinets, in all subjects and areas will be ensured (50 networked computers, and internet access)
- for interested students free internet access in the afternoon is possible
- the internships take place in class 9 and 10
- offerings in the subject LER (ethic) and religious teaching
- the urban open competition "Potsdam pupil art calendar" is managed and organized by the school. At the same time, a private art school calendar is designed and produced
- the school participated successfully in the countrywide energy saving project "Bright school" in the EEC's Eco-school program as well as in the project "Sun at School"
- the school collaborates with the Fraunhofer Institute in Freiburg (solar energy systems)
- school highlights, as school festival, performance comparisons and competitions in sports, mathematics, literature and foreign languages are constant traditions
- there are strong connections to economy associations and institutions for vocational counselling
- the food supply is ensured
- school trips, hiking excursions individually organized
- offer of a variety of working groups

Katholisches Marienschule Potsdam (Gymnasium) (Catholic Marian School - Secondary School)

State-approved school in private sponsorship
of the Archdiocese of Berlin

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Since 1722, there were – with few interruptions – Catholic primary schools in Potsdam. The last primary schools, the "Katholische Marienschule" and the Primary School Babelsberg, were dissolved in 1939 by the National Socialists. Since the late 90's, Berlins and Potsdamer parents tried to re-establish the "Marianenschule". In 08/31/2008, our Archbishop, Cardinal George Sterzinsky, opened with a festive service the Marian School as a primary school and secondary school.

From our Christian self-understanding, the children and adolescents are in the focus of our educational activities. We want to:

- identify them with their special talents and strengthen them
- take them with their weaknesses and support
- detect their individual needs.

Religion is a regular subject at our school. Days of religious orientation and education divine services are an integral part of school life. Morning circle, independent work in silence, networked teaching and the subject instruction are based on the Marchtaler plan, the structural elements of our educational concept, which takes the person in the focus. These structural elements in interaction enable personality-forming experiences with specific teaching and learning.

Cooperation with parents

In a trustful co-operation a regular exchange with the parents or guardians takes place. They are fully involved in school life. Parents' seminars and individual counselling are essential components of cooperation. Parents support the school in many ways.

The secondary school begins with grade 7 and ends on the 12th grade. The school fee is for secondary school since 1. January 2010 75.00 Euro per month (45.00 for primary school).

This language sequence applies to class 7:

- first language English
- second foreign language French, Spanish, Latin (a minimum number of participants is specified)
- The optional/obligatory subject from class 9 can be chosen between French, Spanish, Latin and a music/artistic subject (a minimum number of participants is specified).

Working Groups: expansion of social skills:

- Spanish – peaceful communication
- music – mediator (peer helpers)
- training club – acquisition of mentorships in primary school
- homepage – cooperation with the Maltese
- media – medical service school

Partners

- Geo Research Center Potsdam
- Maltese

We have and need friends

Independent schools need friends and supporters. The support association of the Marianenschule founded in the early 90s. Thanks to it, the school exists today.

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- educational grant for particularly gifted pupils ("advanced classes", scientific-artistic profile)
- advanced educational classes also at elementary school level (year 5 and 6 since 2001)

Educational Scheme

Foreign languages

- 1st language: English
- 2nd language: Spanish (starting year 7), French (starting year 7)
- 3rd language: Latin (starting year 9)

(offers foreign languages depending on student's choice)

Computer science

year 5–9 or 7–9 (completely networked school)

Elective subjects starting from year 9

natural sciences/performance studies/English/computer science

Experimental School

(German children and youth foundation in cooperation with Robert Bosch Foundation)

- reform age – children's individual support
- school development in cooperation with the Bielefeld Laboratory School (North Rhine-Westphalia's experimental school at the University of Bielefeld)
- European School Family (founding member since 1991)
- multilateral school developmental project – international exchange and projects in Great Britain, Netherlands, Norway and Poland

Location

- optimal campus location due to close proximity of school building to library, playing field, gymnasium, indoor swimming bath, part of the musical school, spacious schoolyards with sports facilities, open grounds due to proximity to a nearby residential area

General information

- no differentiation in year 7 but it is possible to distinguish oneself by taking educational opportunities in scientific, artistic and linguistic directions

Highlights during the school year

- open and informational school days
- scientific project week in year 12
- days of career perspectives in upper secondary education – study is worth the effort!
- days of science in upper secondary education
- Christmas concert
- winter ball
- graduation ball
- courtyard festival
- project days in lower secondary education
- participation in choir competitions
- theater plays by "Leibnizkekse"
- Spanish day

Study-groups

- study-groups for outstanding pupils in Biology/Chemistry, English, Mathematics/Physics and Spanish
- computer science
- choir
- pop dance
- soccer
- volleyball
- running
- cooking
- theatre and dance
- school magazine
- creative writing
- school radio
- swimming
- school club
- music theatre

- Odyssey of the Mind (OM)
- juggling

Upper level Gymnasium

- advanced courses: computer science, chemistry, biology, mathematics, art, German, English, history, geography, Spanish

special basic courses

- psychology, law, performance studies

cooperations:

- Potsdam University, Fraunhofer Institute, AOK Land Brandenburg, elementary school "Am Pappelhain", Griebnitzsee school, elementary school "Weidenhof", elementary school "Am Priesterweg"

Further specialities

- school magazine "Therapy"
- participation in "Social Day"
- successful participation in the Olympiads of mathematics, biology, chemistry
- successful participation in the competition "Odyssey of the Mind" (world finals)
- class trips and getting-to-know-days in year 5 and 7
- active booster club "Leibniz Gymnasium e.V."
- active representatives of parents
- supply of food (LUNA) and cafeteria
- block instruction (90 min.)

Being the central element of the outstanding development project "Campus Stern" the Leibniz-Gymnasium was completely redeveloped between 2006 and 2009.

In the course of the redevelopment the entire school area was being redesigned: Next to the new schoolyards most modern leisure facilities have been created, meeting the needs of pupils of all ages.

Leonardo-da-Vinci-Gesamtschule (Leonardo da Vinci Comprehensive School)

School with upper secondary level

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Education offers

Foreign languages: English, French, Spanish,
Profile: media and communication

Special features

Founded in 2011, we are a state comprehensive school. Currently, 200 pupils are learning in the 7th and 8th vintage. Together with teachers, pupils and parents, we are preparing a 13th grade in the



next few years to develop our educational concept. We invite you to be one of us and contribute your ideas!

Our lessons

- encouraging initiative, creativity and independence by explorative, networked learning
- concept of interdisciplinary learning projects
- in addition to special teaching: free labor in projects
- public presentations of project work
- interdisciplinary media concept
- integrative learning methods
- individual learning as performance analysis and documentation in "learning logbooks"
- individual education offers in the main subjects
- in addition to marks: written assessments in all grades
- vocational training and study assistance in internships
- thematically oriented field trips in all grades

Our daily rhythm

- school with all-day lessons
- open beginning from 07:45 to 8:15 (classes begin)
- block classes until (max) 15:45 clock
- supervised lunch
- learning cabinets to support individual learning and self-directed learning
- workshops for individual mind differentiation
- weekly reflection of learning progress, discussion of proposals and problems in the class council

Our Facilities

- prepared learning environment in specialized class rooms
- modern equipped specialist cabinet of natural sciences
- "trunk space" principle for all classes
- use of interactive whiteboards
- use of laptop in all classrooms
- modern gymnasium
- large open area with a soccer field
- shared dining room with the primary school
- further expansion of the school building in the 2nd phase with a multi-purpose building for use as a cafeteria and for events until August 2013

Our partners in all-day learning

- Stadtteilnetzwerk Potsdam West e.V.
- Medienwerkstatt Potsdam e.V.
- Alba Berlin
- Potsdamer Schachverein Mitte e.V.
- Humanistischer Verband
- Diakonie
- Paragraf 13
- AOK
- Handwerkskammer Potsdam
- Mittelbrandenburgische Sparkasse

Montessori-Oberschule (Montessori Secondary School)

Primary level with all-day care
School with a particular character

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Education offers

Contact language: English grades 1/2, French grades 1/2/3

1st foreign language: English from grade 3

2nd foreign language: French

Working Groups

French, Spanish, Latin, art, cooking, dance, experimental, yoga, black light theatre, sewing, soccer, children's choir, youth choir, children's café, textile design, orchestra, music lessons (guitar, flute, violin, clarinet, saxophone, piano, keyboard), Go, painting, swimming, reading room.

Special features

- mandatory all-day school from 8:30 (lessons start) to 15:30
- school with a particular character – after successfully trying out the school experiment
- MoSeS School (school experiment: model projects for the development of independence of schools)
- participation in international student exchange programs (since 6 years annual exchange with the Montessori Earth School in Portland/Oregon, and participation in the Voltaire and Brigitte Sauzay program)
- learning with head and hand as a general principle according to the Montessori method
- encouraging initiative, creativity and independence, exploring, networked learning
- logical extension of the free labour and special lessons by teaching projects and epochs.
- youth school for 12–14 aged pupils according to the “Children’s Earth Plan” on an outdoor area near Schlänitzsee, supported by the “Brandenburger-Tor-Foundation”, the “Robert-Bosch-Foundation” and the “Helga-Breuninger-Foundation”
- verbal evaluation for the grades 1–8, marks in testimony in grades 9 and 10
- “Pens Books” for individual performance documentation
- teaching in mixed-age groups (1/2/3, 4/5/6 and 7/8)
- integration of children and youths with disabilities in common classes
- annual parents week – parents introduce their professions and jobs
- instrumental music lessons with music teachers supported by the “Wilhelm-Weidemann-Foundation”
- close cooperation with the nursery in a shared house of learning
- themed trips in all grades
- hospitatism observation care program by pupils, teachers and school management
- group lunch – wholefood with a high “bio” content
- prepared environment in the special rooms and attractive outdoor area
- study room for multimedia use
- all-year collaboration with external experts
- German School Award 2007

School care for children of the Montessori Secondary School

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Oberschule Theodor Fontane (Theodor Fontane Secondary School)

All-day care (OF) and FLEX

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Profile

Secondary school with primary level

A school open all-day offerings (including homework)

Education offers

- contact with the English language for pupils in the first and second class/foreign language English from grade 3
- flexible school entry phase (FLEX) since 2002
- all-day care
- "dwarf"-school for the prospective school beginners
- adaptation of our school profile to the Finnish school type, there is a seamless transition from primary to secondary level education
- practicing open forms of teaching (daily and weekly schedule, workshop, learning in stages, project work)
- teachers reading for pupils
- reading competition
- participation in the city, local and countrywide competitions (art, sports, mathematics, "best cyclists", etc.)
- many years of partnership with Polish children in Opole (every year, groups of pupils of our school travel to Opole – Polish pupils come to the Potsdam Kite Festival)
- orientation days for school, open day
- close contacts with the library of "Waldstadt" and the citizens' initiative "Waldstadt"
- cooperation agreements with nurseries, the library of the "Waldstadt" and with sports clubs
- support lessons for children with performance deficits (reading, writing)
- individual support for foreign-language children
- involvement of mediators in the school life
- a diverse range of working groups
- sporting, musical and artistic orientation

Working groups in all-day education offers

Computer, soccer, ball games, music, music lessons, pottery, dance, homework help, drawing and painting, school garden, young paramedic, young fire fighters

Framework Conditions

- nursery care in the immediate neighbourhood
- the furniture of the rooms and the room capacity can be used for different forms of learning such as individual, group and partner work, as well as a generous special room principle.
- modern playground, spacious and modern child-designed exterior with school garden and playing facilities
- compute rooms, teaching kitchen, library, new dance room, teaching workshop
- friendly and welcoming design of the School

Personnel Conditions

Highly motivated team of teachers, three special education teachers and one social worker

Speciality

- about 13 full-time offers for all pupils of the primary level on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday until 15:30
- in the integrated primary level English is taught as a contact language from class 1
- media cabinet with internet connection for all-day use
- our school has a completely renovated biology, physics and chemistry cabinet, a new dance room and a new assembly hall, a renovated sports facilities and a newly designed outdoor area
- reference school for the use of interactive boards (10 SMART-Boards)
- environmental sciences school in Europe 2002/2003/2004
- project "mediator" since 2001
- support association "Freunde der Fontane-Schule"
- breakfast and lunch menu, since 2007 our pupils drink milk
- internet connection
- future taster days for primary level pupils by request. Phone: 0331 289-8130
- detailed information about all the offers on the school homepage

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Pierre-de-Coubertin-Oberschule
(Pierre de Coubertin Secondary School)

All-day school – with stronger vocational orientation

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Education offers

- 1st foreign language: English
- 2nd foreign language: Russian from grade 7
- 3rd foreign language: French from grade 9
- Optional: presentation and design (theatre/art) from grade 7: sports (volleyball/soccer), 2nd foreign language Russian
- natural sciences
- economy – labour – technology (WAT)
- focus lessons in French
- from grade 9: WAT, focusing PC, economic/home economics, handicrafts, ceramics
- sports with a focus on health sports
- art with a focus on selected chapters of art history experienced virtually
- practice learning for the 7th class: Social learning
- grades 7 to 10: methods training, work on the PC
- orientation days
- 8th class: exploration of jobs, outlines, finding strength, practical work
- 9th class: all-day practical work on Wednesdays and project work in enterprises of the industry, in business, social fields and service facilities
- large student internship at the school years end
- 10th grade: Project trip within the transition to working life
- small student internship
- special support education: supporting pupils with diagnosed reading disabilities such as dyslexia (LRS) or maths weakness
- support to improve reading skills
- obligatory for all: lessons for all grades 07:50 to 15:00 each day
- training lessons
- hours to do homework under the guidance of the class teacher, which are integrated in the curriculum.
- working groups; singing, computer (maintenance of the homepage), sports, wood workshop, games, mosaic, decorative design, dance, hip hop, school band, arranged lunch break
- common obligatory lunch in the 7th and 8th classes. Hot meals may be eaten by 9th and 10th classes also in the school club
- furthermore, many leisure activities to choose from: sports, fitness, computer, art, learning studio, games, school club, singing, mediators, dance
- swimming in class 7 as part of physical education
- ski camp in the Czech Republic
- member of the network “Opus 2000” – along the way to a health-promoting school
- “Reform Time School”
- school project “Hundertwasser” since 1996
- carol singing; PdC-day, participation in athletic and artistic competitions ...

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Subjects Offered

1st foreign language: English

2nd foreign language: optional from grade 7: French, Latin, Russian, Spanish

Language changes starting from grade 10 (new 2nd foreign language): Chinese, French, Latin, Russian, Spanish

Options grades 9 and 10:

Computer science, drama, art, philosophy, psychology, music, economics

Afternoon clubs offers: in the fields of music, art, linguistics and sports, changing annually

All-day school 8:20 to 15:05 - on request to 16:55

As an all-day school, the Schiller Gymnasium Potsdam offers in a comprehensive way the opportunity for pupils of grades 7-10 from all over the world to work towards the German Abitur.

Class size only 15 pupils and special learning opportunities

Classes are usually limited to 15 pupils. Thereby an intensive and inclusive learning with optimized support for the individuality of pupils is made possible. Furthermore, we challenge and encourage our students in the consultation hours and homework support.

In the consultations, we offer individual support in the subjects German, mathematics, English and a second foreign language. The pupils who need it receive professional competent support from our teachers – an offer that is not just asked for by lower-performing pupils.

The logbook: weekly dialogue between school and parents

A logbook specifically “tailored” to our school ensures information-sharing between parents and class management. It is updated daily and signed weekly. It is designed to encourage and challenge the independence of the pupils, since they are recording their own learning objectives and their achievement. Especially in grades 7–10, this is a proven tool of communication, in order to “pull together”.

Interim report and parents consultation days

Both for the pupils as well as for parents it is important to continuously monitor and evaluate performance. Therefore we give “interim report” performance overviews of the quarterly periods in autumn and spring. These are then discussed by teachers and parents at the parents’ consultation days which occur shortly after the interim report.

Integration and teamwork

On the basis of humanistic education and the training objectives of a secondary school (Gymnasium), German and international adolescents live together and learn to integrate themselves in our society, gaining respect for different beliefs and cultures.

Courses of the upper school – interest in the individual goal

The educational goal of our school is that every pupil develops as an individual during their school days, develops talents and compensates for their weaknesses. This is also reflected in the senior grade courses offered. In addition to all the standard subjects, special courses such as philosophy, economics, drama and psychology are offered. Within the statutory requirements, the students choose freely from this extensive range of courses according to their interests.

A fundamental compulsion in the form of “tracks” does not exist.

School fees

The monthly tuition fee includes homework help in grades 7 to 10 and consultation hours for all grades. A reduction in school fees for families with many children and social hardship cases can be considered.

Foreign contacts, classes and course trips

With regular scheduled trips abroad and the establishment of cooperation and sister schools, we enable our students to apply the acquired knowledge of foreign languages and become more familiar with other cultures. Thus, the Schiller Gymnasium has been proven travel-happy in recent years. School trips and scheduled trips led to New York, Miami, London, Liverpool and York, Barcelona, Paris, but also to Schwerin have taken place since 2010.

The right mix is the key: A strong team of young and experienced teachers

About 75 secondary school teachers teach at our school with an average age of around 38 years. We are in close contact with the Department of Teacher Training of the University of Potsdam. We are currently developing our role as a training school in pedagogical and methodical issues.

Transparent classroom and open house day

For pupils who are interested in admission to a new seventh class, we offer a so-called “orientation day”. Thus, the future secondary school pupils become more familiar with our school and they may also get to know future classmates. We invite you to find out more about us. On the open house day in the spring and at our summer festival in late June, we are also available without direct appointment. The current schedule can be found on our website. Alternatively, just make an individual appointment with our school administration. We look forward to seeing you!

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Education offers

A high performing specialist school for sports plus boarding house, with 400 beds in double rooms and school canteen, full board vocational training in ten different competitive sports – compulsory optional subjects:

1. track and field athletics
2. swimming
3. rowing
4. canoeing
5. football (female)
6. handball (male)
7. volleyball (female)
8. modern pentathlon
9. judo
10. triathlon (from year 9 on)

Wider Curriculum

Further educational offers beside the normal curriculum at German schools:

Foreign languages:

- 1st English (from year 7 on)
- 2nd French, Russian (according to demand from year 9 on)
- 3rd French, Russian, Spanish (according to demand from year 11 on)

Extra curricular activities, clubs and mentoring

- science, choir, music band, music lessons, art, creative design, drama, information technology, school magazine, film
- homework mentoring, individual support for top athletes according to their educational needs

Educational trips:

- year 7: school trip (different destinations with the aim: "getting to know each other")
- year 9-10: Poland (Zielona Gora), Great Britain (London)
- year 11: Germany (Weimar)
- year 11-12: Finland (Helsinki)
- year 12-13: Mozambique (Maputo/Matola)
- year 12-13: France (Paris) and skiing trip to Italy

Special courses and offers in sixth form:

- advanced course in sports ("Leistungskurs")
- course to acquire a personal trainer certification (C - coaching license)
- course in information technology (focus on new media, communication)
- educational psychology
- drama
- possibility for competitive athletes to prolong their studies in the sixth form up to 4 years

Admission:

- a reference of the regional association about the student's athletic aptitude in one of the ten compulsory optional subjects
- academic and physical entry exam

Special offers

Sports specialties:

- close cooperation between school and the Olympic Training Centre, local sports clubs as well as regional and federal sports associations
- all school and sports facilities in close vicinity
- use of all sports facilities within the sport school area "Luftschiffhafen"
- training camps in Germany and abroad
- medical mentoring
- career advice

Special sports curriculum in the 10 compulsory optional subjects: Physical education / compulsory optional subjects / elective courses (not graded)

Voltaire-Gesamtschule
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Subjects and electives

- foreign languages: English, French, Spanish, Latin, 3rd language beginning in class 9
- projects including compulsory subjects like languages, natural sciences, art subjects, music, sports
- workshops: choir, school journal, theatre, art, mediation, photography, sports, dragon boat, basketball
- profile: languages, communication, modern media

School structure – “everything under one roof“

- a-levels after 12 or 13 years (decision in grade 8)
- talented class (grade 5)
- all-day care for grades 5–10
- school development – a necessity for school of tomorrow
- cooperation with the Potsdam University (innovation union – school – university)
- model project: “Strengthening the independence of schools”
- mentoring: university students provide support to students of the Voltaire Comprehensive School
- individualized learning – “the key to the development of intelligence and methodical competence”
- strengthening language and personal development and social skills through: initiative and creativity, analysing individual level of development, self-directed learning, open teaching–learning arrangements, working with the learning schedule and competency grids

Media and communication – “Fit for the future”

- optional basic courses in the senior grade levels, regular subject in grades 9/10
- using and applying media: media competency as a key qualification
- pilot school for the model project for the Federal-State Commission and the Ministers of Education and Arts Conference (KMK) – “Media and communication” (1998–2003)
- media projects in all subjects and senior grade levels – “The path to university education”
- advanced courses in the subjects of art, computer science
- project-orientated approach to education
- theme-related project trips (grade 12)

Special electives and offers:

- media and communication (print, audio, video, multimedia)
- psychology, philosophy, economic sciences, drama, propaedeutics in collaboration with the University of Potsdam – acquiring skills aimed at preparing students for studying at a university
- skiing courses (grades 11/12)

- multimedia projects in all grades
- competitions – “We present what we can”
- “Voltaire reads” and “Voltaire makes music”
- “English Poetry Contest”
- ballads contest, German Olympics
- mathematics: “Kangaroo”
- Siemens competition: “Join multimedia”
- Sudoku competition

Cooperation and partnership – “The Management of a modern school”

- active cooperation with parents and support association (Förderverein)
- student exchange with Finland, Israel, France, Poland, Turkey, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland
- ALBA Berlin – basketball, Voltaire school prom
- cooperation contracts including the “Museum of communication” in Berlin
- participation in the IVB (innovation group School-University Brandenburg)

Feel comfortable with Voltaire – basis for successful learning

“What is the most important thing on earth? Tolerance.”

François-Marie Arouet Voltaire

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Education

Waldorf school with all known Waldorf characteristics, such as: the Main Lesson, two foreign languages from the first class, eurythmy, drama, detailed verbal reports.
No repeating a year. Artistic, practical and academic subjects in a balanced mixture.

Special features

On the school grounds there is a Waldorf-Kindergarten, thus providing an education and extra-curricular activities from two to nineteen years (Year 13).

For classes 1–4 there is an after-school club available in the afternoon.

The Waldorf School Potsdam is a modern, future-oriented model school for cross-class and interdisciplinary project work and portfolio work. Thereby the pupils also learn to present themselves and their work in front of an audience.

The “Moving Classroom” in the lower school with a child-friendly timetable and furniture leads to a project-focused intermediate and secondary level in which the focus is on the attainment of adulthood.

As an all-day school, the Waldorf School Potsdam offers education from 7:30 to 15:10.

After the lessons, after-school clubs are on offer.

After-school clubs: orchestra, school band, basketball, unicycle, circus, theatre, aikido

Internships

As part of the curriculum through the 7th to 12 class, internships in the fields of agriculture, forestry, land surveying, social affairs, industry, art and architecture can be completed.
In addition, individual foreign exchanges are possible during term time.

Qualifications

The following qualifications may be pursued at the Waldorf School in Potsdam:

- vocational readiness/secondary school
- advanced training maturity/extended secondary school
- high school/college student
- high school with permission to attend the senior grade level
- high school graduation
- graduation/Abitur (university entrance examinations)

Schulen mit sonderpädagogischen Förderschwerpunkten/ Schools with special education

Comenius-Schule (Comenius School)

School with special educational focus
on mental development
All-day offers

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Our school accepts pupils with need for special educational learning opportunities with the focus on “mental development”. Also pupils with multiple disabilities and autism can learn at our school.

For each pupil an individual education plan is designed and implemented in the lessons.
The speech therapist and physiotherapist of the school support the encouragement.

School Profile

The Comenius school is an all-day school.

In the school year 2011/2012, 102 pupils attend the school. They learn in 12 classes.

Depending on their age, pupils go through different learning stages:

1st – beginner level (class 1)

2nd – lower level (class 2-4)

3rd – intermediate (class 5-7)

4th – advanced (class 8-10)

5th – working Level

By visiting the working level, the young people meet their vocational school.

Here the teaching takes place mainly across classes and project-oriented.

The pupils work in the following projects:

- woodwork
- ceramics
- multimedia
- housekeeping cooking
- housekeeping textile

Once a week working level pupils complete an internship in the two workshops for disabled people.
Some young people also have internships outside the WfbM.

The children and young people in our school are mainly practically prepared for their future lifetime to help them for self-development and social integration.

The lessons are based on the new mandatory goals of teaching special education for mentally handicapped in the State of Brandenburg since school year 2011/12.

A variety of leisure options for our pupils:

- the beautifully designed schoolyard; the pupils were involved in development
- 14 working groups, such as theatre, computers, soccer, sailing, art etc.

In the 2005/2006 school year, we moved into our new school building, located near the main railway station and the swimming hall. In this building, we have classrooms, group rooms, an auditorium, a cafeteria and a canteen available for the implementation of our educational concept.

The working level school pupils have been creating a clay backing oven for the school (with the support of a clay oven builder). We bake tasty bread for our school highlights.

Our objective is to enable our pupils to live a mostly independent life. Integrated into the environment, they should learn to test their limits and develop their own conceptions of life as possible.

**Fröbelschule
(Fröbel School)**

School with special educational focus
on emotional and social development

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In our school, pupils with behavioral disorders are learning who can not be supported sufficiently under the conditions of the primary school. Due to frequent concentration incapacities, failure at school occurs with a demotivating effect.

Pupils with an abnormal behavior are so restless in the classroom and are barely able to work under pressure, they disrupt the teaching process. Many conflicts with teachers or other children lead to distracted social relationships. By isolation of the children group, feelings of inferior were caused, result is a further reduction of the motivation. A developing issue, which threatens a successful education of the primary school. The behavior problems are widely spreaded. Some children become aggressive and quick to anger, others isolate themselves completely. A loop starts, the pupils cannot leave it by themselves. Interventions by the school have to be deployed to fulfil the demands of the individual children needs.

School Profile

The instruction follows the guidelines of the Primary School Education Basic Plan.

The "Fröbel School" is a transit-school. The admission into the school is on the basis of the support committee proceedings.

The average class size is 6 –12 pupils.

Pupils who attend our school, have an average intelligence. Lack of concentration, constant anxiety and/or social interaction problems threatens their development in primary schools. The goal is to consolidate them so far that returning in a regular school is made possible. Admission as well as returning meets the conditions of the child and the primary school. Valid applicants are the parents and the schools.

The diagnosis is made in the familiar environment of the primary school. If urgent action is needed, the review may be done in exceptional cases in the special support school itself.

The “Fröbel School” works on three levels. In a system of special education measures, a part of the pupils is looked after without having to be removed from the environment of the primary school. By cooperation and consultation the conditions should be changed, so that, if staying in the primary school, best support takes place.

Possible cooperation partners such as the youth office, school psychologists, medical facilities and others may be involved in coordination with the parents. Special education teachers of the support school are consulting primary schools.

If the peculiarities of the child and/or the conditions of the primary school cannot let remain the pupil in the school, the teaching takes place in the special support school. Under the conditions of small classes, the children are stabilized by direct special education care. The goal is to return as early as possible.

Level 1

Preventive care for children without special needs for support to counteract the development of behavior abnormality (location: primary school)

Level 2

Special educational care for children with appropriate special needs, if the condition of the child and the primary school allows integration (location: primary school)

Level 3

Care of children with special needs in special support schools.

Goal: returning as early as possible

Additional special education measures:

- rhythmic music stimulation: by rhythmic movements, dance and dream trips, aggressions should be removed and balanced mental conditions are supported
- pottery: by pottery, the interaction of all mental, physical and spiritual powers are supported
- social education activities
- aggressive or regressive behavior of individual pupils can be compensated with calm and friendly care. Basis is social and educational measures that are firmly and conceptually connected with the school.
- pupils who attended the special support school are basically provided with support in primary and secondary schools after their return
- the aftercare operation is done when the integration of the child is successfully completed

Partner of Special Support School:

- special education support and advisory body
- school psychologist
- youth office
- medical facilities (Youth Health Service, the Social Pediatric Centre, clinical facilities, medical care)
- nursery care, nursery homes – other educational institutions.

Oberlinschule (Oberlin School)

Oberlinschule – school with priority
over physical and motorial development

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The association of Oberlinhaus has devoted itself full-time to the education of physically handicapped, blind or deaf as well as children with a combination of both since 1886. The staff of the Oberlinschule feels obliged to serve this Christian and human tradition. At present this school here in Potsdam is the biggest recognized alternative all-day school in whole Brandenburg. The central aspect of remedial work is the physical and motorial development of the students.

Our school is open to all those who have specially diagnosed needs in

- physical and motorial development
- the development of listening and sight
- getting support with the problem of autism

Lessons are prepared and given according to the certain curriculum of the primary or secondary school as well as to the central aspects of remedial work called "Learning" or "Mental Development" – especially for mentally disabled children.

Students from Potsdam and the surrounding but also from further parts of Brandenburg attend this school.

Our approach is that we together realize the task of education considering all parts of learning. Every single student with his or her individual and creative abilities and skills stands in the focus of concentration. In a supporting and pleasant atmosphere we try to create the fundamentals for a social participation of our students. The pedagogical, therapeutic and nursing frame of our work is made by the aim to enable the students to live a life in self-responsibility and independence in social integration.

The structure of our school considers special ages as well as different courses of education and the varying remedial needs of the students.

Children start primary school here and attend it to class 4. Our secondary school reaches from class 5 to 10. Other parts of our school teach students who are especially physically and mentally disabled. They are taught in so-called "Werkstufenklassen". The next part of our school concentrates on the work with deaf and dumb or blind children.

The social-pediatric department included in our school offers advice, realization and coordination of various therapies as well as medical and nursing recommendations and measures. The extensive learning offers vary between lessons, therapies of different kind like physiotherapy, ergotherapy, speech therapy or music therapy, swimming, psycho-motoric and different extra-curricular activities, projects, field trips and class trips. The use of special teaching methods as well as individually adapted devices makes it possible to develop and socialise the students' personality.

Specially trained teachers, therapists, doctors, nurses, social workers, psychologists and last but not least parents work together to enhance the status of our school. Students of our school can get school leaving certificates of the secondary school level and those of special remedial schools of Brandenburg. Ways to secondary schools such as grammar schools or Oberstufenzentren are open, so that a vocational training is made possible in a certain network of different schools including boarding schools. Partners of this cooperation are, for example, the vocational school "Theodor Hoppe" and the neuro-orthopedics in the Orthopedic Clinic.

Schule am Nuthetal (School at Nuthetal)

School at Nuthetal (10/30) with special educational support for learning difficulties

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Willhelm-von-Türk-Schule (Willhelm von Türk School)

School with special educational focus
on listening and language

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The Wilhelm von Türk School in Brandenburg is the only school with special educational focus on “listening” or “language”.

The school regards itself as a competence center for special educational work in the two basic priorities, as an indispensable place of learning in addition to equivalent forms of schooling with special educational assistance in common classes and as a pillar within a network of special education.

We feel responsible for all pupils who need special educational support for the funding priorities “hearing” or “language” and want to enable them to successfully and equally participate in society and shaping their own personal lives. Our mission therefore is to give to all pupils in our school an adequate education.

Especially for the field “language”, it is the declared goal to lead back the pupils to the common classes after a reasonable length of stay and enable them to successfully continue schooling in a primary school close to home.

The development of skills is content and goal of our educational work, whereas the development of communicative and social competence beyond classes is in the focus of our pedagogical work. There is also a close cooperation with various institutions, organizations, societies and associations.

Pupil populations

Support priority “listening”

Nature, degree and extent of hearing loss of our pupils are very diverse. Children and young people with peripheral hearing loss from mild hearing loss to completely deaf, with disorders of auditory processing and perception, and very different communication capabilities characterize the pupil population. Many pupils do not have the possibilities to compensate the communicate loss/or have limited access to the spoken language. The written language can be significantly affected, the active and passive vocabulary can be developed not age-appropriate. Often this leads to serious psycho-social disorders.

Children and young people who are in need for the focus priority “hearing” and have an additional focus priority need in “learning”, can also attend our school.

Support priority “language”

The appearance of pupils with special needs for “language” is characterized by limitations in the linguistic abilities. Communication is handicapped in the broadest sense. Many pupils do not have the possibilities to compensate the effects/or have only limited prerequisite to communicate in spoken language. The written language can be significantly affected, the active and passive vocabulary not developed age-appropriate. Kind, degree and extent of language abnormalities are very different. Often, this leads to serious psycho-social disorders.

The language can be noticeable by:

- talking defects (dyslalia)
- word and sentence structure errors (dysgrammatism)
- stuttering (Balbuties, Dysphemy)
- cluttering (Tachyphemy)
- snuffle (Rhinolalia)
- apraxia
- mutism
- logophobia
- dyslexia (isolated reading failure)
- dysgraphia (isolated spell failure)